

6th February 2022 - 4th Sunday before Lent

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
4th Sunday before Lent	6th Feb	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Sung Eucharist		No Service
3rd Sunday before Lent	13th Feb	11am Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
2nd Sunday before Lent	20th Feb	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30 Morning Prayer
		3.30pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
Sunday before Lent	27th Feb	11am Ecumenical All Age Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Said Eucharist
Ash Wednesday	2nd Mar	7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes Holsworthy Church				
1st Sunday of Lent	6th Mar	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers - pop in when you can	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
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Dates for your Diary

Thur 10th Feb	7pm	Holsworthy PCC meeting	Rectory / Zoom
Tue 15th Feb	7.30pm	Pyworthy PCC	Zoom
1st March		Lent course starts - see below	Zoom

Text for the Week - Psalm 138:1

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart.



Come and join the Lent course

'Responding to God's Grace'
Tuesdays at 11am or 7.30pm via Zoom (links to follow) starting on Shrove Tuesday 1st March

Link of the Week - Benefice Calendar

What's going on in the Benefice can be found here; www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/benefice-calendar/
It also has the readings and Collect for everyday of the year

The 70th anniversary of HM The Queen's accession

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away our hatred and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one body, one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Statement from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for LGBT+ History Month

Across the Church of England this February, many people will be marking LGBT+ History Month. As we work together to discover what it means to be a diverse church receiving the gift of everyone, our prayer is that this would be a time of truly valuing each other as God's precious and beloved children.

Let us pray
that the Spirit of God
would stir in us
a deeper sense of belonging to each other
as the Body of Christ.

We also take this opportunity to lament and reject all prejudice, hatred, oppression, and violence against LGBT+ people.

We pray that LGBT+ people around the world
would be able to live lives free from fear
and find joy in the love of God.

Let us commit to building communities
in which everyone experiences the unconditional love of God in Christ Jesus.

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From Exeter Diocese website;

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Why do we care?

"Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation." – Archbishop Justin Welby.

As Christians we are called to love God, our neighbours and our planet. God made the world to be in balance and harmony, but we live in a world which is very far removed from how God intended it to be, with biodiversity loss and the impacts of climate change urgent threats. The National Church of England and Diocese of Exeter are aiming to be net carbon zero by 2030, to reduce our contribution to the cause of climate change. This is an ambitious and complex target, yet it is to be approached with positive and urgent commitment as we practice the biblical call to social and environmental justice and restoration.

[This report](#) by Tearfund and Youthscapes found that 9 out of 10 young Christians are concerned about climate change, but only 1 in 10 believe their churches are doing enough about it. The Church has more potential to use its social and political influence to actively pursue social and environmental justice through addressing the climate emergency.

[For more information from the diocese website](#)

Crossword

Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

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Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
 4 Belief (5)
 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

Wine & Wisdom:

Saturday 19th February .

Quiz Host – Margaret Bond. £8pp includes glass of wine and cheese board. Bar open 7pm - Start 7.30pm. Teams of 6 – to book a team contact Sarah on 07983 711 995.

Coffee Morning

Chilsworthy Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February,
 10-11.30am, tea/coffee, biscuits/cake,
 meet your neighbours
 £1

ACROSS: 1, Credit; 4, Tackle; 7, Cain; 8, Kenanah; 9, Strength; 13, Beg; 16, Salvation Army; 17, ARC; 19, Every day; 24, Admonish; 25, Dire; 26, Sneeze; 27, Bronze; DOWN: 1, Cock; 2, Epistolic; 3, Taken; 4, Tenet; 5, Cane; 6, Leave; 10, Erase; 11, Guide; 12, Honey; 13, Barbarian; 14, Guys; 15, Asia; 18, Rod in; 20, Voice; 21, Rahab; 22, Hope; 23, Mene.

COLLECT

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING (Short or long reading)

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-end]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump."]

PSALM Psalm 138

R *Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures forever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple
and praise your name, because of your
love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your
mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over
the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the
fury of my enemies; your right hand
will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for
ever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an

apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

POST COMMUNION

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.