

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet #12

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

21st March 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide

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Sunday Services in the Holsworthy Benefice

	On Zoom	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pyworthy
21st Mar	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tues 23rd Mar	11.45am Bishop Robert will be leading online prayers on the anniversary of the first lock down - details to follow			
28th March Palm Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer		11am Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist

Also on Zoom - All welcome

Tuesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers	

Lockdown Anniversary Day of Reflection: 23 March

The Church of England has teamed up with the Marie Curie charity to organise a Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown on 23 March and acknowledge the grief and loss that so many people have experienced. People are invited to take part in a minute's silence at 1200 and churches are encouraged to toll a bell. [Click here for prayers and liturgy which can be used at home or in church.](#) Bishop Robert will be leading a live act of reflection from Exeter Cathedral at 1145 on 23 March. You will be able to [view it on our Facebook Page.](#)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pyworthy
Dates for APCMs	7pm 24th March	2.30pm 14th April	6pm 25th March	7.30pm 23rd March
Where held	On Zoom	Rectory Yard /Zoom	On Zoom	On Zoom



Text for the Week Psalm 6.3

My soul is in deep anguish.

How long, Lord, how long?

Holy Week Services

		On Zoom	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Palm Sunday	28th Mar	9.30am Morning Prayer			11am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist
Spy Wednesday	31st Mar			3.30pm Station of the Cross			
Maundy Thursday	1st Apr	9pm Compline			7pm Eucharist followed by the Watch		7pm Eucharist
Good Friday	2nd Apr	12noon Stations of the Cross			3pm Benefice Celebration of the passion of the Lord		10am Good Friday Reflections
Holy Saturday	3rd Apr				8pm Benefice Easter Vigil		
Easter Day	4th Apr	9.30am Morning Prayer	3pm Easter Service	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Eucharist	9.30 All Age Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist



God,
Where are you in this season?
Speak to me and show me where you,
and how I can join in with what you're doing.
Amen.

Pete Greig, from 'God on Mute'

Pete is the Founder of 24-7 Prayer,
Tearfund Ambassador and author.

MORE ON THE TEXT OF THE WEEK from the TEARFUND LENT REFLECTIONS

God on mute

'My soul is in deep anguish. How long, Lord, how long?' (Psalm 6:3)

God sometimes falls silent and appears absent. It is important to embrace these painful seasons and not to deny them or rush through them.

When God is silent and seems to have left us to suffer alone, the Bible still voices our desperation and contextualises our doubt. With Job, Jeremiah and those dark psalms of dislocation, we too may fill the silence of God with cries of outrage and lament.

And at such times, there can be reassurance in this realisation that our circumstances, though painful, have also been articulated (and thus validated) repeatedly in scripture.

When we are present in a situation – no matter how terrible it may be – God cannot be absent. Whenever life gets tough and we cry out to God for help, our desire is always to be airlifted out of the theatre of war. But more often than not, instead of *airlifting* us to safety, God *parachutes* down to join us in the muck and chaos of our situation.



PASSIONTIDE

The joy of Easter is almost here, but before that we must accompany Jesus in his Passion.

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary. The Fifth Sunday of Lent (this coming Sunday) is also known as "Passion Sunday" and marks the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extends up until Holy Saturday.

During this time the Church's liturgy becomes more somber and a sorrowful mood is reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

The most obvious example of a more somber mood is the veiling of statues and images. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday with images remaining covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

4 adults (+ children) per team - suggested donation: £5/adult quizzer
to donate to Connect and to pay please go to: <https://www.give.net/connectquiz>

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 27th
MARCH 7pm prompt start

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email: holsworthyconnect@gmail.com to register

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 21st March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

That we may develop a habit of holiness,
Bishop of Crediton and Plymouth, all who live at Chilsworthy

Monday 22nd march

Tuesday 23rd March

Wednesday 24th March (*W Hilton, P Couturier, O Romero*)

Thursday 25th March (*Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

Friday 26th March (*Harriett Monsell*)

Saturday 27th March

Those enslaved by a life of crime

The hungry

Artists and musicians

Those who cannot have children

Drug addicts

A right keeping of Holy Week

Sunday

21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. It
will not be like the covenant that I made
with their ancestors when I took them by
the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though
I was their husband, says the LORD. But
this is the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel after those days, says
the LORD: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts; and I will
be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer shall they teach one another, or
say to each other, "Know the LORD," for
they shall all know me, from the least of
them to the greatest, says the LORD; for
I will forgive their iniquity, and remember
their sin no more.

PSALM

Either Psalm 51:1-13

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great
goodness;
according to the abundance of your
compassion
blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your
statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?
With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray from your
commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
that I should not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of
your testimonies
than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.
My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming
a high priest, but was appointed by
the one who said to him, "You are my
Son, today I have begotten you"; as
he says also in another place, "You
are a priest for ever, according to the
order of Melchizedek." In the days of
his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and tears,
to the one who was able to save him
from death, and he was heard because

of his reverent submission. Although he
was a Son, he learned obedience through
what he suffered; and having been made
perfect, he became the source of eternal
salvation for all who obey him, having
been designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

Among those who went up to worship
at the festival were some Greeks. They
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida
in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we
wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told
Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went
and told Jesus. Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man
to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless
a grain of wheat falls into the earth and
dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it
dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love
their life lose it, and those who hate their
life in this world will keep it for eternal
life. Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be
also. Whoever serves me, the Father will
honour. Now my soul is troubled. And
what should I say – 'Father, save me from
this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I
have come to this hour. Father, glorify your
name." Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it
again." The crowd standing there heard
it and said that it was thunder. Others
said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus
answered, "This voice has come for your
sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement
of this world; now the ruler of this world
will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted
up from the earth, will draw all people to
myself." He said this to indicate the kind
of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Sunday 21 March 2021

John 12: 20-33

5th Sunday of Lent



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus explains that even though he will die, he will come back to live in an even better way, just like when a little seed dies, and comes back to life as a wonderful plant.

My name is _____

GROW WITH JESUS

What new things can you do now you are no longer a baby?
Write, or draw, them in the fruit.

New life

God gives new life. Draw lines to match the beginning with the new creation.

Finish the story by using these words

flowers leaves disappeared plant seed green

One day the children planted a _____. They were sad because it _____ into the earth. After a while they noticed a little _____ shoot where the seed had been. Mummy said it was the seed growing into a _____. Soon there were more _____. In the end it was a beautiful plant with lots and lots of _____.

Climb the mountain

Noah wants to climb the mountain. He will have some challenges on the way. Help him to find a path through the difficulties so that he can reach the summit. Find a path by colouring all the squares with numbers that can be divided by 2.

		12		
		8		
	5	10		
		6	20	
15	2	9		23
22	17	15		
4	13	7	19	21

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father in heaven, we know that when we do difficult things we grow braver and stronger. Help us to grow stronger in love by giving up what we want and helping others. Amen.

Answers: Finish the story: seed, disappeared, green, plant, leaves, flowers.