

20th February 2022 - 2nd 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
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
2nd Sunday of Lent	13th Mar	11am Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30 Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday of Lent	20th Mar	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				

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

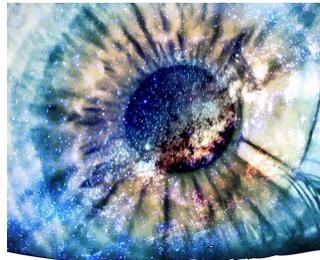
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers - pop in when you can	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
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Dates for your Diary

1st March		Lent course starts - see below and next page	Zoom
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Text for the Week - Revelation 4: 8b

Holy, Holy, Holy,
the Lord God the Almighty
who was and is and is to come.



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Come and join the Lent course

'Responding to God's Grace'

Tuesdays at 11am or 7.30pm
via Zoom (see next page)
starting on 1st March
Shrove Tuesday

Bakers Needed

For Creative Church on 3rd Sundays
contact Libbi York on
admin@holsworthybenefice.org.uk

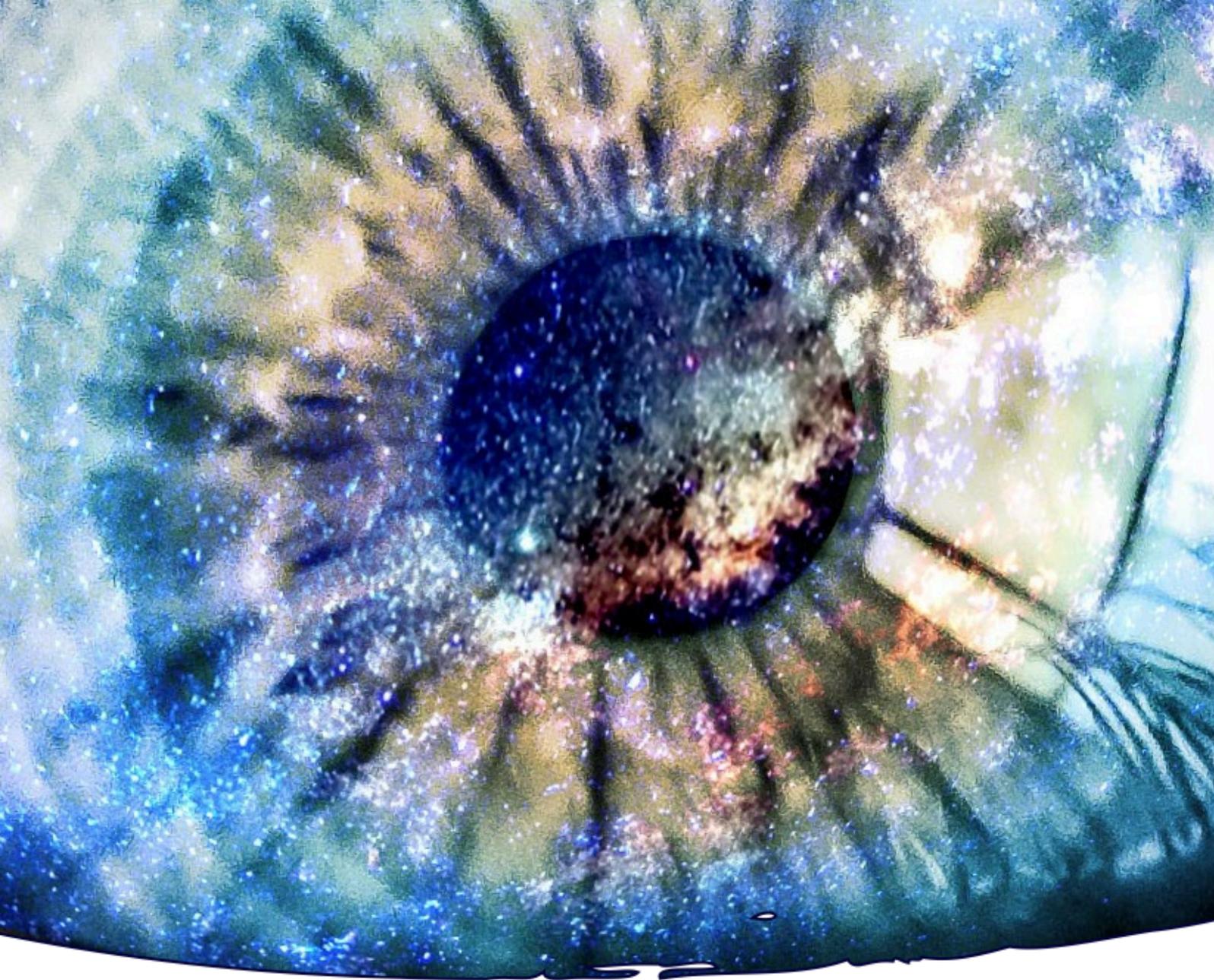
Link of the Week

LOCAL - BENEFICE PHOTOS

www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/photos/

GLOBAL - TIME TO PRAY APP AND PODCAST

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/time-pray-app-and-podcast



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HOLSWORTHY MISSION COMMUNITY LENT COURSE 2022

The course will run every Tuesday in Lent from 1st March
at 11.00am or 7.30pm.

Each session should take around 90 minutes.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81313325491?pwd=N0s1YTlrVHo4RVJtUVVFNjVSSXd0QT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1332 5491

Passcode: Lent

God in the Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a famous masterpiece by Rembrandt. If you use it, please would you add at the end: Picture reprinted by kind permission of the National Museum, Stockholm.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Waiting is a common human experience. Our lives are made up of waiting that leads to encounter, and the waiting requires patience and humility. Milton wrote in his blindness, 'They also serve who only stand and wait' as he wondered what he could do for God's kingdom now that his sight had gone.

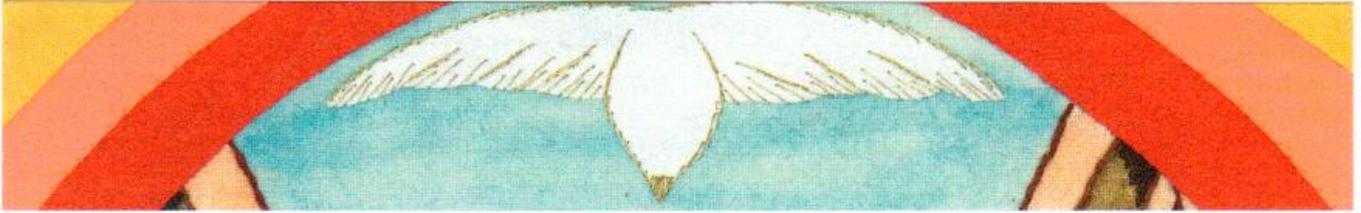
Simeon in this month's painting of the 'Presentation of Christ' had been waiting. He belonged to a people who had been waiting for centuries. He was heir to the hopes and dreams of a nation waiting for a better world now that the holy city was in the hands of Roman invaders. With his people he clung to the hope that God would come to bring freedom and a new life. God's chosen one, the Messiah, would bring this about. When it came, there was no fanfare, no warning, just an ordinary family from faraway Nazareth in the Temple, performing the religious duties for the firstborn son. But the waiting led to encounter, and the sight of the new-born child led to insight as Simeon recognised that light and salvation had at last come.

Rembrandt has captured all this in his painting, 'Simeon with the Christ Child in the Temple': the faith and patience, the hope and humility of an old man, a priest, who takes the babe into his arms and blesses God. It was the artist's last painting and left unfinished at his death in 1669. The figure of Mary by Simeon's side may have been painted by another artist at a later stage. It is the aged priest and the new-born babe that impress us as we look: Simeon with his venerable beard and eyes half closed, and the tiny child cradled in his strong arms, looking up intently with his eyes open.

As Rembrandt painted this canvas, was he saying something about his own life? He had not been afraid to paint his portrait at various stages - at 21, at 35, at 53 - a total of 60 portraits covering the span of years.

In this final painting the years have moved on as we see Simeon, mouthing 'Nunc dimittis' with his eyes half closed. Is the waiting over and the journey coming to an end, so that his eyes will fully close? Or will he open them to see that with the babe in his arms, God has more in store: the promise of a future as they step out together on a new journey?





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022



FRIDAY 4 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

**Holsworthy Methodist
Church,
Bodmin Street**

2.30pm

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth
 and made us in your own image:
 teach us to discern your hand in all
 your works
 and your likeness in all your children;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
 supreme over all things,
 now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 2:4b-9. 15-end
A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

PSALM Psalm 65

R *Be joyful in God, all the earth.*



Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **R**

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 4

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and

rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, “Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

GOSPEL Luke 8:22-25

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

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
 by your gift
 the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
 and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
 may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
 be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
 and enjoy the delights of eternity;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Be joy - ful in God, all the earth.

