

COLLECT

God our creator,
 who in the beginning
 commanded the light to shine out of
 darkness:
 we pray that the light of the glorious
 gospel of Christ
 may dispel the darkness of ignorance
 and unbelief,
 shine into the hearts of all your people,
 and reveal the knowledge of your glory
 in the face of 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3. 5-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

PSALM Psalm 19:1-6

R *The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,
 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. **R**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas

our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

POST COMMUNION

Generous Lord,
 in word and eucharist we have
 proclaimed the mystery of your love:
 help us so to live out our days
 that we may be signs of your wonders in
 the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.





Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

27th January 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



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A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sun 27th Jan Epiphany 4	11.15 Morning Worship		9.30 Morning Prayer	(No Service)	11.15 Sung Eucharist
	<i>Prayer intentions: For teachers of the faith, our parish safeguarding reps and all who live at Belle Vue & Fore Street, Holsworthy</i>				
Monday 28th Jan					
	<i>Prayer intentions: For those who suffer</i>				
Tuesday 29th Jan					
	<i>Prayer intentions: For our families</i>				
Wednesday 30th Jan					
	<i>Prayer intentions: For young people</i>				
Thursday 31st Jan					
	<i>Prayer intentions: For those burdened with guilt</i>				
Friday 1st Feb	10am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION and 10:30am NO COST CAFE Holsworthy				
	<i>Prayer intentions: For all political leaders</i>				
Saturday 2nd Feb					
	<i>Prayer intentions: For countries at war</i>				
Sun 3rd Feb Presentation of Christ (Incense)	11.15 Sung Eucharist (Patronal)	3pm Sung BCP Evensong	9.30 Sung Eucharist		9.30 All Age Service
	<i>Prayer intentions: For all who doubt, our PCC members, all who live at Bailey Gardens, Littlebridge Cross & Bailey Park, Bridgerule</i>				
Sun 10th Sun Feb 10th Fourth Sunday before Lent	11.15 Morning Prayer		9.30 Sung Eucharist		11.15 Sung Eucharist
	<i>Prayer intentions: For the mission of the Church, our Churchwardens, all who live at Bodmin Street, Glovers & Parson Close, Holsworthy</i>				

Notices

New Electoral Roll – every six years a new electoral roll is required. For Holsworthy this needs to be done this year. If you want to be on it please ensure you fill out an electoral roll form.

Confirmation - If you know of anyone who might like to be confirmed please tell Mthr Elizabeth.

APCMs - the annual parochial church meetings are in March. Please start thinking and praying about any roles you might like to take on in the life of the church. Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy all need a new churchwarden.

New people on the committees are always welcome.

Coming up:-

Thu 31st Jan 7.30pm Deanery Synod at Market Hall, Exeter