

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

PSALM Psalm 15

R *Through the greatness of your
mercy, I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life

Through the great-ness of your mer-cy, I will come in-to your house.

and does the thing that is right;
Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the
Lord.
Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word;
Who does not lend money in hope of
gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things
shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Colossians.*

Christ is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn of all creation; for
in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers – all things have
been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. He is
the head of the body, the church; he
is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that he might come to
have first place in everything. For
in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell, and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to
himself all things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making peace through
the blood of his cross. And you who
were once estranged and hostile in
mind, doing evil deeds, he has now
reconciled in his fleshly body through
death, so as to present you holy and
blameless and irreproachable before
him – provided that you continue
securely established and steadfast in
the faith, without shifting from the
hope promised by the gospel that you
heard, which has been proclaimed to
every creature under heaven. I, Paul,
became a servant of this gospel. I am
now rejoicing in my sufferings for your
sake, and in my flesh I am completing
what is lacking in Christ's afflictions
for the sake of his body, that is, the

church. I became its servant according
to God's commission that was given
to me for you, to make the word of
God fully known, the mystery that
has been hidden throughout the ages
and generations but has now been
revealed to his saints. To them God
chose to make known how great
among the Gentiles are the riches
of the glory of this mystery, which is
Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he
whom we proclaim, warning everyone
and teaching everyone in all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone
mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-end

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went
on their way, he entered a certain
village, where a woman named Martha
welcomed him into her home. She had
a sister named Mary, who sat at the
Lord's feet and listened to what he was
saying. But Martha was distracted by
her many tasks; so she came to Jesus
and asked, "Lord, do you not care that
my sister has left me to do all the work
by myself? Tell her then to help me."
But the Lord answered her, "Martha,
Martha, you are worried and distracted
by many things; there is need of only
one thing. Mary has chosen the better
part, which will not be taken away from
her."

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sunday 21st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	11.15 Sung Eucharist Mary Magdalene	9.3- Sung BCP Holy Communion	9.30 Sung Eucharist Mary Magdalene		9.30 Morning Prayer
<i>Prayer intentions: For the exploited, local social workers, all who live at Honey & Glebe Meadows, Holsworthy</i>					
Monday 22nd July					
<i>Prayer intentions: Our vision of the extraordinary</i>					
Tuesday 23rd July					
<i>Prayer intentions: For all who hold public office</i>					
Wednesday 24th July	4-5pm Creative Church				
<i>Prayer intentions: For all who are marginalised</i>					
Thursday 25th July			3.15 Choir Practice		
<i>Prayer intentions: That we may listen to God</i>					
Friday 26th July	10am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION and 1030am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
<i>Prayer intentions: Our study of Scripture</i>					
Saturday 27th July					
<i>Prayer intentions: For peace</i>					
Sunday 28th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	6.60 Evening Revel Service – Methodist Chapel		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Sung Eucharist	11.15 Sung Eucharist
<i>Prayer intentions: A right use of our talents, local GPs, all who live at Hopworthy, Pyworthy</i>					
Sunday 4th August Seventh Sunday after Trinity	11.15 Sung Eucharist	3pm Lammas Sung BCP Evensong	9.30 Sung Eucharist		11.15 All Age Service
<i>Prayer intentions: For those who feel life is meaningless, our village hall committees, all who live at Oak Court, Great Oak Meadow, Holsworthy</i>					

Notices

St Peter's Fair – Many thanks to all involved. Especially Bob, Mary O, Mary B, Helen N and Lizzy. It was a great Fair. Many people said how much they enjoyed it. The Pretty Maid tea was well attended and well organized by Josie – a lovely event. Thank you to Bob, Andrew and Christopher for putting up the display boards, to all who contributed to the collections and all who helped with refreshments and stewarding.

Pretty Maid – Thank you Lizzy for being a great Pretty Maid. Please keep the new Pretty Maid Harriet Cousins in your prayers as she carries on the tradition.

St Swithun's Church "Songs in Bloom Flower Festival and Art Exhibition- 20th/21st July. 10-1pm, 2-5pm. Refreshments and cream teas available. All welcome.

New Collection Bags – Holsworthy PCC has decided that we should have new collection bags instead of the wooden bowls. These are £39 each. If anyone would like to donate one to the church please speak to Helen Narborough. This could be in loving memory of someone.

Holy Ground at Exeter Cathedral - Sunday 21st July at 7pm. 'Where are the Songs of Justice' with John Bell from The Iona Community. This is a service centred around the Eucharist with refreshments. Open to everyone

Meeting about Pilgrimages - 25th July 7pm – at the Rectory. Have you ever been on a pilgrimage or wondered what it is all about? Plans are starting to come together to run one for the Benefice. If at all interested do come along to the Rectory for **7pm on 25th July**. We will hear about the Camino to Santiago de Compostela, following the footsteps of St Benedict and other experiences.

St Peter's Jackpot Draw - Get your tickets £8 for the remaining 8 months. **Next draw 21st July**. All monies towards Holsworthy Church. Please support the church, tickets from PCC members.

Bridgerule PCC Meeting - 7.30pm on Wednesday **24th July**

CANCELLED - Pyworthy PCC Meeting - 30th July

Holsworthy PCC Meeting - 7.30pm on Wednesday **31st July** in the Rectory