

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 2

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5th April 2020 ~ PALM SUNDAY

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Not the Holy Week any of us would have expected nor wanted. Yet as we enter Jerusalem with Jesus I pray that you follow the footsteps of Jesus as we seek to be the church from our own homes. The early Christians gathered at home to worship. We might not be able to gather in our homes but we can certainly pray and worship from our homes.

We can join with Christians around the world to mark Christ's journey to the cross. Maybe you have a Palm Cross from years gone by or you can make one. Perhaps on Maundy Thursday have an Agape meal at home which includes bread and wine, possibly even lamb. At the end of Maundy Thursday you could strip the altar by removing flowers and Easter cards ready for Good Friday. Then on Good Friday if you have a cross at home place it somewhere prominent and be in silence with the Lord at 3pm. You could even make a cross from two pieces of wood. Then on Easter Eve, or on Easter Day, light a candle using the following prayer:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

Thus signifying the risen Lord. Then decorate your homes with cards and flowers.

Jesus journeys with us wherever we are. So this week let us journey with Him to the Cross and beyond in our own ways in our own home.

Yours faithfully in Christ
Mother Elizabeth

WORSHIP

For worship at home for Palm Sunday go to page 4 of this News Sheet.

[See Facebook Page - Holsworthy Benefice for how to make a Palm Cross](#)

For Holy Week from the Cathedral go to:

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/worship-music/live-services/>

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THIS HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 5th April

Sixth Sunday of Lent

~ That we may develop a habit of holiness
For the Bishop of Crediton and Plymouth
and all who live at Chilsworthy
for all affected by Covid-19

Monday of Holy Week 6th April

Tuesday of Holy Week 7th April

Spy Wednesday 8th April

Maundy Thursday 9th April

Good Friday 10th April

Holy Saturday 11th April

~ For prisoners
~ Victims of exploitation
~ For Readers and Church Officers
~ For Bishops, Priest and Deacons
~ For all who resort to violence in times of greed or desperation
~ For scientists and researchers

www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk is the website address. If you are on the internet please go to this website for the most up to date information. Look for **Online Church** at the top of the Home page for links to useful resources.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

The deadline for holding the APCM has now been extended from 31st May to 31st October 2020. This means that the accounts will not be due until 28 days after each PCC has held its APCM. Mother Elizabeth will look to set dates for the APCMs after the summer and once things have started to settle. The Electoral role dates remain unchanged. Deanery Synod reps are requested to stay in post until a month after the APCMs. The 2019 Churchwardens are asked to remain in post until the Archdeacon's Visitation which are now due to be carried out by 31st January.

The Holsworthy Benefice Magazine

Unfortunately we are having to suspend publication of our monthly magazine until such time as we can safely distribute it again. In the meantime you can still email Bob Beckford or Mother Elizabeth with information to go on this news sheet. So that we reach as many people as possible we will publish the News Sheet through email, the Benefice Website and also produce printed copies for those people who do not have access to a computer.

The Friends of Holsworthy Parish Church, St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw

The winners of the Draw, drawn on 20th March were -
1st Prize, £27.50 - ticket number 66, Mandy c/o Staddon Road
2nd Prize, £5.50 - ticket number 8, Jean from Bradworthy

You can now purchase a ticket and join in for the next 12 months.

The price of the 12 month ticket is £12. Please send a cheque to Helen Narborough made paid out to 'The PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church. Or make a bacs transfer Holsworthy A/c no. 05007216 Sort Code 53-50-52 stating you name and 'draw'.

Please do support this as we are going to be very short of funds this year due to cancelling many fund raisers.

Religious Broadcasting on Radio and TV

Information from BBC Media Centre - Updated 01.04.2020

Television Programmes.

Palm Sunday - The BBC One schedule includes a Palm Sunday Service from Hereford Cathedral on Sunday 5th April at 11.00am.

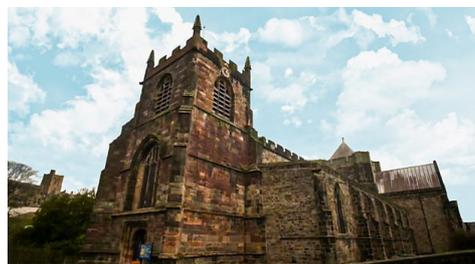
Good Friday – April 10th

Starting from Good Friday, Easter on BBC One sees a brand new religious programme launch, Heavenly Gardens This new two-part series sees former chorister and garden lover Alexander Armstrong, along with garden designer Arit Anderson, visit six spectacular gardens across the United Kingdom, which are all steeped in faith and spirituality.

Also on Good Friday, the concluding episode of Pilgrimage: The Road To Istanbul on BBC Two follows the seven well-known pilgrims on the final leg of their journey along an ancient military route to the historic city of Istanbul, which has been transformed into a modern-day path of peace.



Airing across the weekend, Easter From King's on BBC Two sees music and readings from the fan-vaulted Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, with the world-famous choir singing some of the best-loved choral music for the season.



Easter Sunday

Time not yet available

On Easter Sunday a special edition of Sunday Worship will air on BBC One, with an Easter service coming from Bangor Cathedral in Wales, led by the Dean of Bangor, the Very Reverend Kathy Jones.

And on BBC One, Urbi et Orbi will show Pope Francis deliver his Easter Message and Blessing live from Rome.

Radio Programmes

BBC Radio 4

Monday Of Holy Week - 6 April, 4.30-5pm

Beyond Belief

Easter is the most important time in the life of the Church. It's the time when Christians retell the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Christians believe that Jesus died to atone for the sins of the world. But what does that actually mean and how do we define what a sin is?

Ernie Rea is joined in the studio by Dr Gemma Simmonds, Director of the Religious Life Institute in Cambridge; Robyn Ashworth-Steen, Rabbi at Manchester Reform Synagogue and a former human rights lawyer; and Davinder Panesar, transpersonal psychologist and author.

BBC Radio 4

Spy Wednesday - 8 April, 8.45-9pm

Lent Talks

Lent Talks is a personal perspective on an aspect of the story leading up to Easter. This year's theme is identity - losing and gaining identity; struggling with identity; accepting and owning identity. In today's episode, Bishop of Loughborough Guli Francis-Dehqani reflects on her journey of identity as an Iranian-born British Christian.

BBC Radio 2

Good Friday - 10 April, 8-10pm

At The Foot of the Cross

On BBC radio, Dan Walker brings an assortment of spiritual and traditional music to Radio 2 on Good Friday with At the Foot Of The Cross, recorded at Maida Vale Studios, which also features a dramatic retelling of the crucifixion by author Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



Easter Sunday

BBC Radio 4

12 April, 8.10-9am

Easter Sunday Worship

In a specially-compiled studio service, pre-recorded close to transmission, the Archbishop of Canterbury leads a meditation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

BBC Radio 4

Easter Sunday - 12 April, 1.30-2pm

The Three Vicars Talking

The Three Vicars are back on Radio 4 on Easter Sunday for a special episode of Three Vicars Talking, with the Revs Richard Coles, Kate Bottley and Giles Fraser talking all things Easter, from Ash Wednesday through to the Resurrection. Elsewhere, the Archbishop of Canterbury leads Radio 4's Easter Sunday Worship, and Prayer of the Day will continue throughout Easter, broadcasting a range of multi-faith contributors and reflecting on the mood of the moment.



BBC Radio 3

Easter Sunday - 12 April, 5.30-6.45pm

Words and Music

Words and Music presents an Easter Sunday special celebration of music, prose and poetry on BBC Radio 3.



St. Petroc, Hollacombe

The Lenten Lillies are out even if the church is closed, Margaret Stacey

WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY



During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

If you have made a palm cross or have one from a previous year;

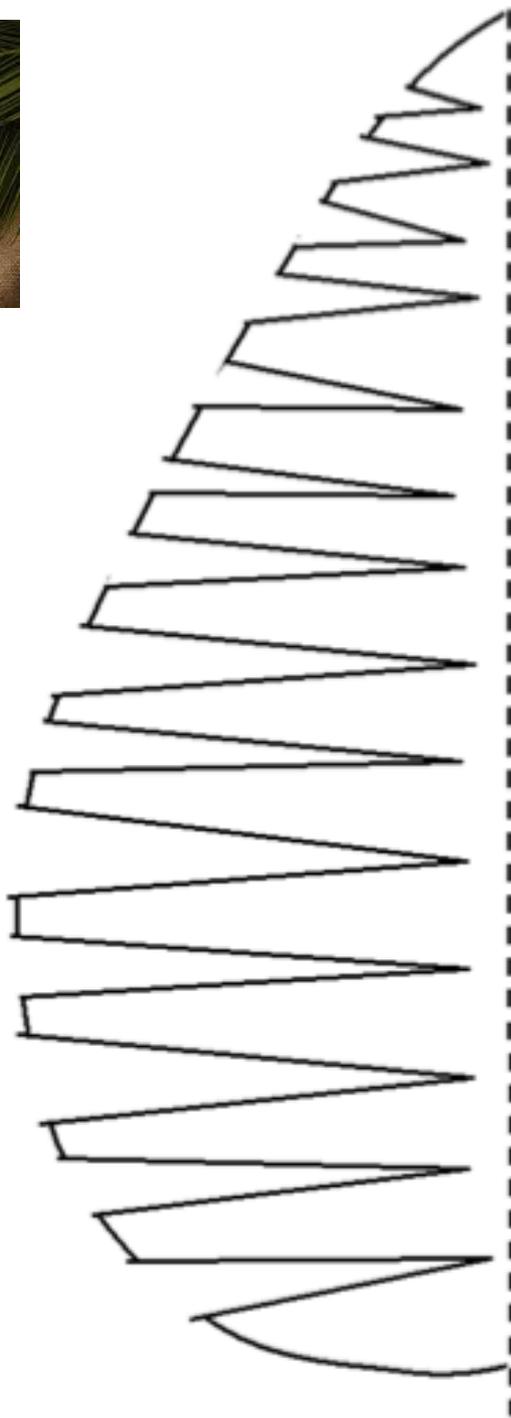
God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ
entered Jerusalem as
Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us
signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear
them in his name
may ever hail him as our
King,
and follow him in the way
that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21.1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,



Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.



TIP

No green card/paper
Colour in instead.

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading for the letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 27.11-54

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ
humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly
exalted him and given him the name that is above
every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Saint Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the
governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by
the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then
Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many
accusations they make against you?' But he gave him
no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the
governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to
release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they
wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner,
called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered,
Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to
release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is
called the Messiah?' For he realised that it was out of
jealousy that they had handed him over. While he
was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word
to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man,
for today I have suffered a great deal because of a
dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the
elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas
and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to
them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release
for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to
them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called
the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!'
Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But
they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'
So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but
rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water
and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am
innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'
Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be
on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas
for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him
over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the
governor's headquarters, and they gathered the
whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put
a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns
into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed
in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked
him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him,
and took the reed and struck him on the head. After
mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put
his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to
crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' This is the Passion of the Lord.

[No response is made.]

INTERCESSIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

A PRAYER FOR ALL WHO SUFFER AT THIS TIME

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Word Search

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethesame that this fearful cup might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through His Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

Jesus
Ate
Last
Passover
Meal

Disciples
Warned
Betrayed
Bread
Blessed

Wine
Thanks
Drink
Covenant
Law

Old
New
Body
Blood
Gethsemane

Cup
Removed
Will
Easter
Approach
God



HOLSWORTHY COVID-19 MUTUAL AID

USEFUL CONTACTS FOR HOLSWORTHY

Food

Perkins Butchers, The Square 01409 253649
Country Kitchen Holsworthy 01409 254408
Waitrose

Food deliveries

Happy Pear 07949 409298
Blackberry farm 01409 261440
Dave Barnes (venison) 07583 752062
Dunstaple Dairy Herd 07791 658801
Meet 'n' Eat Holsworthy 01409 259003

Take away

Indian Ocean Hoslworthy 01409 254942

Chemists

Lloyds, The Square Holsworthy
Boots, Holsworthy medical center

Firewood

Grascott Firewood 01409 281393

General/Farm

Harpers Farm Supplies 01409 259600
Mole Valley Farmers Holsworthy 01409 253014

Pet Supplies

Holsworthy Pets 01409 404006

General Builder

Darren Derosa 07947 193850
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Stallion Home Developments ltd 01409 240099
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Plumbing Heating

G A Plumbing 07792 239756
BRC Heating and Plumbing 01409 9211128

Electrician

John Rank 07710 656587

Fuel Station

Southcott Garage 01409 254277
BP Holsworthy

Mobile car repairs

Malk Withal 07814 617821
Osbourne Mobile repairs 7939558493
Advance Tyres 01409 254446

Computer Repairs Supplies

Holsworthy Computers ltd 01409 478040

Health and Help

Holsworthy Health Centre 01409 253692
Holsworthy Hospital 01409 253424
Town Clerk 01409 253312
Age UK - Lines are open 8am-7pm 0800 678 1602.
Citizen's Advice Bureau (Weekdays 9.30 am – 4.00 pm) 02444 111 444
Samaritans 116 123

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