

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 11

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

7th June 2020 ~ Trinity Sunday

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Sunday Worship at 10.30am

Online or by Phone

The link to join the service on line is;

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By any phone

0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237

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Intercessions If you would like names to be added to the prayer list of any in need (permission from the person must have been sought) and the recently departed please email the name to Katie our Benefice Administrator admin@holsworthybenefice.org.uk

NEW

Weekly time of Contemplative Prayer Tuesdays at 7pm

We will be using meditation, music, imagination and other ways to spend time in God's presence without the use of many words.

The link to join is;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83574153918>

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Home Group - Wednesdays at 3pm, online or by phone - all welcome

The link to join in is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83212017012>

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Rublev's Trinity icon.

It refers to the story of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to three nameless strangers by the oaks of Mamre near Hebron. During their visit they promise that the aged Sarah will bear a Son. Early Christians saw these three strangers as a revelation of the Trinity. Andrei Rublev wrote (ie painted) this version of the icon around 1425.

Prayer Intentions for the week

Trinity Sunday ~ That we are filled with the Holy Spirit, Benefice servers and vergers. All who live at Fry Street, Northcott Terrace and Station Road, Holsworthy.

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| Monday 8th June | ~ For all those who are oppressed |
| Tuesday 9th June | ~ The anxious |
| Wednesday 10th June | ~ For those who suffer |
| Thursday 11th June (Barnabas) | ~ For all the baptised |
| Friday 12th June | ~ Those in authority |
| Saturday 13th June | ~ For leaders of Church & country |

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
 you have given us your servants
 grace,
 by the confession of a true faith,
 to acknowledge the glory of the
 eternal Trinity
 and in the power of the divine
 majesty to worship the Unity:
 keep us steadfast in this faith,
 that we may evermore be defended
 from all adversities;
 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

Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM Psalm 8

R O Lord our governor,
*how glorious is your name in
 all the world!*

Your majesty above the heavens is praised
 out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
 You have founded a stronghold
 against your foes,
 that you might still the enemy and
 the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
 mere human beings, that you should seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower than the angels
 and crown them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of their hands
 and put all things under their feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
 and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

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

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
 you have revealed yourself as
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 and live and reign in the perfect
 unity of love:
 hold us firm in this faith,
 that we may know you in all your
 ways
 and evermore rejoice in your eternal
 glory,
 who are three Persons yet one God,
 now and for ever.





Sunday 7 June 2020
John 3:16-18
The Most Holy Trinity

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

We hear how much God loves the world. God loves us so much that the Son of God came to live with us. This is so that we can live for ever as God's family.

My name is _____

GOD LOVES THE WORLD!

God the Father doesn't want anyone to be lost.

He sent his Son Jesus to show us the way. Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



A sign of love *

Inside this heart are words that tell us what love is like.

KIND PEACE CARE HELP
FAIR SHARE JOY

Make a loving heart by colouring each word in red as you find them.



Try to put these words into practice this week.

All about Jesus: God's best gift to us



Jesus was born in a _____ (tsblea)

Jesus died on a _____ (ssroc)

Jesus lives with his Father in _____ (nevhea)

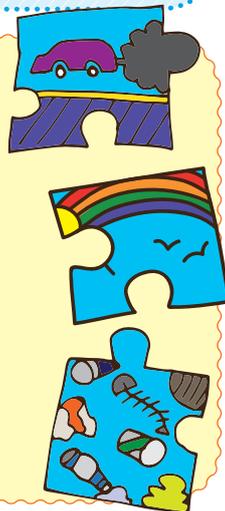
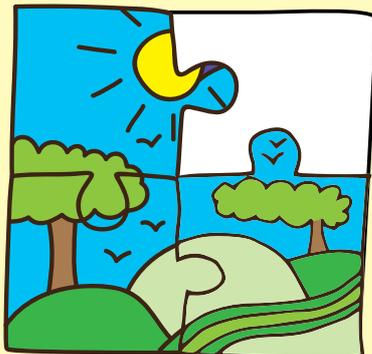
Jesus lives with us in our _____ (theras)

We all belong to God's _____ (ilyfam)

God's beautiful world

God made a beautiful world – and put us all in charge of looking after it!

Look after creation and finish the jigsaw by copying the drawing on the correct piece.

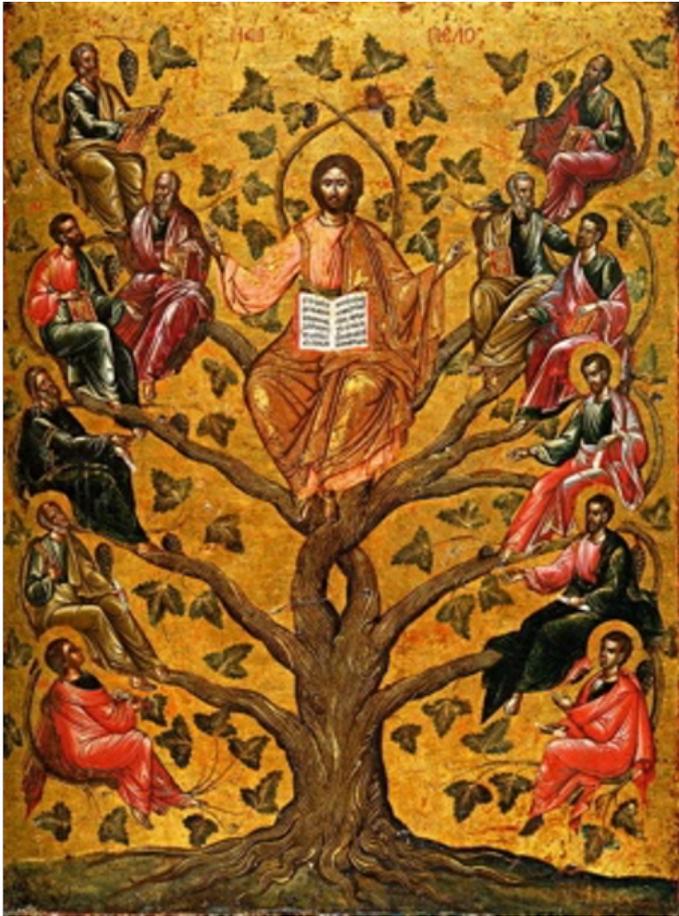


A PRAYER TO SAY

Father in heaven, you love us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to live with us. Jesus is still living in our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. You show us what love is like; help us to be like you and love one another. Amen.

Answers: All about Jesus: stable, cross, heaven, hearts, family.

God In The Arts



Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with an icon of Christ the true vine, from the 16th century. It is in the Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens. This image is tagged as being in the public domain, and can be found [HERE](#)

'I am the true vine'

Jesus the Good Shepherd has been a popular inspiration for artists from the earliest days of Christianity. But this month we focus on another image that has been just as powerful and influential from the first centuries of the Church: Jesus the vine.

We think of grapes and the vine as symbols of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Jesus, but early artists borrowed their inspiration from Greek and Roman sources with Dionysos (or Bacchus), the god of wine. For pagan believers, wine was a sign of intoxication and renewal of life, and Dionysos was a god who died and rose again. Under that influence, sculptors would carve vines on Christian tombs as a sign of that promise of new life.

But those artists were also influenced by the vine as an image of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, with God as the vintner tending his vine, as they were influenced by our Lord's own words in St John's Gospel. When Jesus talked of Himself as the vine, He was pointing to two truths. The first was the connection between the vine and the grapes: it was a symbol for the intimate relationship between Jesus and His

followers. They are the grapes, because they receive their fruitfulness from Jesus. Without Him, there would be no growth, no maturity, no fruit. 'Whoever remains in Me, with Me in him, bears fruit in plenty.'

The second truth in this image is the wine that can bring life a new taste. Just as Jesus changed water into wine, His whole life was one of transformation – bringing water to the thirsty, sight to the blind, light to those in darkness, forgiveness to the sinner, and eternal life to those burdened by this world and the reality of death. The wine is a symbol of that goodness and flavour, both in creation and in salvation – the wine at the dinner party, and the wine in the chalice in communion. Jesus as the true vine brings that flavour and goodness to us.

Both truths speak out to us from this month's image of Jesus in an icon. In the Orthodox Church the icon is a window into the kingdom of heaven. As we stand and pray before the icon, if we can bridge 'the distance of the heart' (the space between the human eye and the icon), then God can reveal His glory to us. Here we see the face of Jesus in a 16th century icon, which is in the Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens – the icon of Christ the true vine. He looks out at us, the Gospel book in His lap and His hands outstretched to bless the 12 disciples. The icon illustrates very vividly that metaphor of Jesus when He says that He is the vine and they are the branches. But those hands are also welcoming us to be with the 12: they invite us to offer our lives to live in Jesus.

Anselm Grün, a German Benedictine, tells how one of his fellow monks wondered what a difference there would have been if Jesus had said, 'I am a slimming camomile tea.' But no, He says to us in the Gospel and in the icon, 'I am the true vine': live in Me like my 12 disciples and your lives can be fruitful in my service.



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, recently wrote an article for the Daily Telegraph (Tuesday 12 May 2020). This is a brief excerpt from it.

C of E has been ‘astonishingly present’

During the coronavirus crisis, the Church of England has been accused of “vacating the public square or of being absent.”

So wrote Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, in a recent article for one of the national newspapers. But he goes on: “I simply do not recognise (this). The Church of England has been astonishingly present, albeit in many new and remarkable ways.”

The Bishop then gave many examples of various local churches who have reacted with positive action during the crisis. Some have started food banks, helped refugees and asylum seekers, set up telephone prayer services, started zoom Bible groups, or organised children and youth events online.

“These stories are being replicated up and down the country,” he continued. “Most astonishing of all, plenty of churches report very large numbers of people joining their streamed services.

“Of course, we long for our church buildings to reopen. But when they do, it won’t be business as usual – partly because we are discovering new ways of serving our communities.

“When we do return to the sacred, beautiful space of our church buildings, with all their vital and much-missed resonances of continuity, I believe the Church of England will emerge from this stronger than it has been for a long while.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, was writing in the Daily Telegraph on 12th May 2020.

All In The Month Of June

75 years ago, on 22nd June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa ended after 82 days. This battle saw the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre of the war, with more than 12,000 Allies, 110,000 Japanese forces and 140,000 civilians killed.

70 years ago, on 3rd June 1950 that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas, was accomplished by a French expedition led by Maurice Herzog. This was the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the 10th highest mountain in the world.

65 years ago, on 11th June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place when a car span off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France. The driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed and over 100 injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport.

60 years ago, on 16th June 1960 that Alfred Hitchcock’s suspense film *Psycho* was released.

Also 60 years ago, on 28th June 1960 that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on 29th June 1970 that following the Vietnam War, US troops were withdrawn from Cambodia.

40 years ago, on 12th June 1980 that Billy Butlin, British holiday camp entrepreneur, died.

30 years ago, on 1 June 1990 that US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed an agreement to end the production of chemical weapons and to destroy existing stocks.

Also 30 years ago, on 22nd June 1990 that Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, was dismantled. It remained an official crossing point between East and West Germany until re-unification in October. The guard house is now on display in a museum.

20 years ago, on 10th June 2000 that the Millennium Bridge in London opened. It closed again two days later because it swayed uncomfortably when people walked in step. It reopened in Feb 2002 after changes were made.

Also 20 years ago, on 26th June 2000, the Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corp announced that they had completed the first rough draft of the human genome.



Protesters have a moment of silence during a rally in New York City (Reuters)

The Diocese of Exeter says it stands against racism in all its forms and wants its churches to be at the forefront of creating a more just society and tackling socio-economic inequalities.

The Bishop of Exeter, Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop of Crediton and the Reverend Tanya Hockley-Still, the BAME Advisor for the Diocese of Exeter, have issued a joint statement in response to the protests in America over the killing of African-American George Floyd in police custody.

It also references new research which shows people from ethnic minorities in the UK are more likely to die from coronavirus. Here is the statement in full:

The Diocese of Exeter stands against racism in all its forms. We are shocked and saddened by the events in USA and support the [joint statement](#) from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

We believe that God created us all equal and are disturbed at the disproportionately high number of people from ethnic minorities who are dying from Covid-19 in our own country.

We want our churches to be at the forefront of creating a more just society, working with local government, charities and community groups to tackle socio-economic injustices both at home and abroad.

We pray that our leaders will make wise decisions that build social cohesion. We pray that our eyes may be opened so that together we can each play our part in transforming society and bringing God's Kingdom here on earth.

Bishop Robert Atwell, Bishop Nick McKinnel, Bishop Jackie Searle and The Reverend Tanya Hockley-Still (BAME Advisor for the Diocese of Exeter)