



Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 39

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

20th December 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

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ON ZOOM - ALL WELCOME

Holsworthy Benefice	Sundays	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To listen by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
	Tuesdays	7pm 5th Jan onwards	Contemplative Prayer	
	Wednesdays	3pm	Understanding Isaiah	
	Fridays	12 Noon	Prayers - not Christmas day	

	on Zoom	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
20th Dec	9.30 Morning Prayer		11am Benefice Eucharist		
			6pm Christmas Service by candle light		3pm All Age Christmas Service by candle light
24th Dec	6pm Benefice Carol Service		11pm First Mass of Christmas (with incense)		8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
25th Dec		9.30am Holy Communion	9am Benefice Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord		
27th Dec	9.30 Morning Prayer		11am Morning Prayer		
30th Dec		2.30pm Outside Carol Service			
3rd Jan	9.30 Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Benefice Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
10th Jan	9.30 Morning Prayer		11am Benefice Eucharist	Plough Service (outside)	

PRAYER INTENTIONS

4th Sunday in Advent

For hope in our lives, Holsworthy pannier market

All who live at Whimble Hill, Winterland Lane, Holsworthy

Monday 21st December

For civil leaders

Tuesday 22nd December

For peace

Wednesday 23rd December

The sick

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

For all who have asked for our prayers

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

That we may receive the Christ-Child

Saturday 26th December (Stephen 1st Martyr)

For those who suffer for their faith



CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRAYER

Holsworthy Church is open during the day every day.

Pyworthy Church is open on Wednesdays and Sundays during the day.

Hollacombe Church is open when requested please call Julie Isaac - 253249.

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as
our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now when David the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your

house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Luke 1:46b-55**

Or **Psalm 89:1-4. 19-26 (or 89:1-8)**

R Truly the Lord is our shield.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.
I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **R**

For you said: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." **R**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:

"I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people.

"I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R**

"My hand shall hold him fast
and my arm shall strengthen him.

"No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.

"I will strike down his foes before his face
and beat down those that hate him. **R**

"My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him

and in my name shall his head be exalted.

"I will set his dominion upon the sea
and his right hand upon the rivers. **R**

"He shall call to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation;'" **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now

disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour;
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Dear friends,
we are a community of memory that looks back;
we are a community of Spirit that looks forward.
it's important, though not easy,
to look back with kindness,
and to look forward in hope.

This year is closing down
and a new year beckons.
Let us hand over the past to God
for his healing blessing.
Let us ask the Lord to face the future with us
because we do not want to face it alone.



Let us pray for each other,
and for all those we love and cherish:
that each one might know the promise of the Lord
that brings the Gospel to a close:

*"Know this,
I will be with you
even unto the end of the world."*

*May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas
Mother Elizabeth*

Sunday

25 December 2020

Christmas Day

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten
Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a
pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born
again
and made your children by adoption
and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy
Spirit;
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 52:7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace, who brings good
news, who announces salvation, who
says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their
voices, together they sing for joy; for
in plain sight they see the return of the
LORD to Zion. Break forth together
into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his
people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations; and
all the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God.

PSALM Psalm 98

R *Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and
faithfulness towards the house of
Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth
break into singing and make music. **R**

Make the music to the Lord with the
lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the
horn
sound praises before the Lord, the
King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together
before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the
world,
and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the
prophets, but in these last days he
has appointed heir of all things, through
whom he also created the worlds. He
is the reflection of God's glory and
the exact imprint of God's very being,
and he sustains all things by his
powerful word. When he had made
purification for sins, he sat down at
the right hand of the Majesty on high,
having become as much superior to
angels as the name he has inherited
is more excellent than theirs. [For
to which of the angels did God ever
say, "You are my Son; today I have
begotten you"? Or again, "I will be
his Father, and he will be my Son"?
And again, when he brings the
firstborn into the world, he says, "Let
all God's angels worship him." Of the
angels he says, "He makes his angels
winds, and his servants flames of fire."
But of the Son he says, "Your throne,
O God, is for ever and ever, and
the righteous sceptre is the sceptre
of your kingdom. You have loved
righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has
anointed you with the oil of gladness

beyond your companions." And, "In
the beginning, Lord, you founded
the earth, and the heavens are the
work of your hands; they will perish,
but you remain; they will all wear out
like clothing; like a cloak you will roll
them up, and like clothing they will be
changed. But you are the same, and
your years will never end."]

GOSPEL John 1:1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. He was in the
beginning with God. All things came
into being through him, and without
him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him
was life, and the life was the light
of all people. The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it. There was a man sent
from God, whose name was John.
He came as a witness to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through
him. He himself was not the light, but
he came to testify to the light. The
true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world. He was in
the world, and the world came into
being through him; yet the world did
not know him. He came to what was
his own, and his own people did not
accept him. But to all who received
him, who believed in his name, he
gave power to become children of
God, who were born, not of blood or
of the will of the flesh or of the will
of man but of God. And the Word
became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory
as of a father's only son, full of grace
and truth.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our
hearts and shine in our words and
deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.



Sunday 20 December 2020

Luke 1:26-38

4th Sunday of Advent

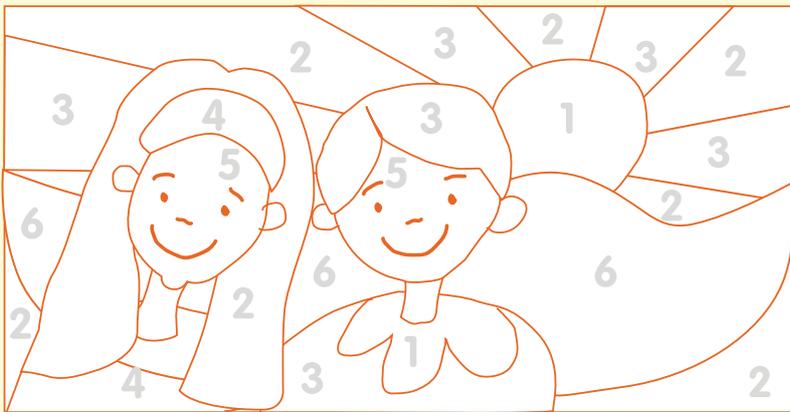


My name is _____

HAIL MARY

- 1. Yellow
- 2. Blue
- 3. Orange
- 4. Purple
- 5. Skin
- 6. Pale blue

Colour the shapes with the correct colour and you will see the picture of Mary saying yes to the angel.



The Angel Gabriel says to Mary, "Hail, full of grace", and tells her she is to have a baby who will be the Son of the Most High. Mary trusts God and says she will do whatever God wants.

I can say "yes"

We say "yes" to God when we bring love and kindness into the world.



Join the dots and then draw yourself in the angel's wings, bringing love to people you live with later today.

Sudoku

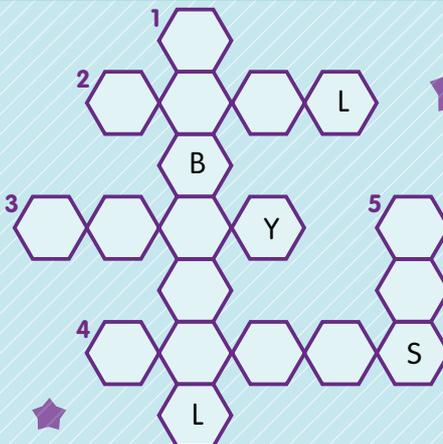
Can you fill the grid with the letters **MARY** in each row, each column and each mini-grid?

	R	A	
M		R	
	Y		

Make sure that no letter is repeated!

Crossword

1. What was the angel's name?
2. The angel's "hello".
3. Who did the angel come to see?
4. What was the baby going to be called?
5. What did Mary say?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Amen.

Answers: Crossword: 1. Gabriel, 2. Hail, 3. Mary, 4. Jesus, 5. Yes.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

20th December

3pm Pyworthy ALL AGE Christmas Service by Candlelight
St Swithun's parish church

6pm Holsworthy Christmas Service by Candlelight
St Peter & St Paul's parish church

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Carols around the Christmas trees
Holsworthy Square - please ensure you keep to 2m distancing

6pm Benefice Carol Service on Zoom

Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?pwd=MHYybFJFait5a3hDSmJyZ2JQOW5odz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3346 0276

Passcode: benefice

By Telephone

To join by phone: 0131 460 1196

8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Pyworthy, St Swithun's parish church

11pm First Mass of Christmas
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of our Lord

9am Benefice Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

9.30am Holy Communion for the Nativity of our Lord
Hollacombe, St Petroc's parish church

30th December

2.30pm Outside Carol Service - a short service with carols
Hollacombe, St Petroc's parish churchyard

