



Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet #17

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Text for the Week

1 John 4:11

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		On Zoom	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy	
Easter 5	2nd May	9.30am Morning Prayer		3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Eucharist			
Easter 6	9th May	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer		11am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist	
Ascension Day	Thurs 13th May	9pm Compline			7pm Eucharist			
Easter 7	16th May	9.30am Morning Prayer			11am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist	
Pentecost	23rd May	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Eucharist	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	
Trinity Sunday	30th May	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Benefice Eucharist					
Corpus Christi	Thur 3rd June				7pm Eucharist			

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Wednesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer- Start again 28th April	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
Thursdays	2.30pm	Home Group Start again 29th April	
Fridays	12 Noon	Middy Prayers	

Dates for your Diary

4th July	11am Benefice Eucharist with Installation. Acting Archdeacon Giles presiding and preaching (no other services)	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
7th July	12 Noon Pretty Maid Ceremony	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
22nd July	Archdeacon's Visitation service. Details to follow.	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
31st July	Food and Drinks festival for the end of lockdown. Benefice stalls and crafts to raise money for the administrator's IT. Help needed 11am to 6pm.	Stanhope Park, Holsworthy
1st August	11am Mission Community end of lock down Celebration Service.	Stanhope Park, Holsworthy
27th-31st August	Greenbelt - Christian Arts and Music Festival. As well as arts and music there are talks, discussion groups, crafts loads for kids and lots of other things. Its for all ages and there is local accommodation if you don't like camping. See website for more details - https://www.greenbelt.org.uk If you'd like to join the Benefice group be in touch with the Rector.	Grounds of Boughton Estate, three miles from Kettering town centre. Free shuttle bus from Kettering.
19th September	3.30pm. NEW monthly All Age Service. For the whole family, couples, singles, young and old. Bible stories, interactive worship, music, crafts, refreshments and more.	TBC

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before
us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING (Alternative readings)
The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either Acts 8:26-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him

no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Or Baruch 3:9-15. 32 – 4:4
or Genesis 22:1-18

PSALM Psalm 22:25-end

R *Be not far from me, O Lord.*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. **R**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall
bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. **R**

How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel
before him?

He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for
generations to come.
They shall come and make known his
salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **R**

SECOND READING (Alternative readings)
Either 1 John 4:7-end

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God

abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Or Acts 8:26-end

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the
truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grow on.

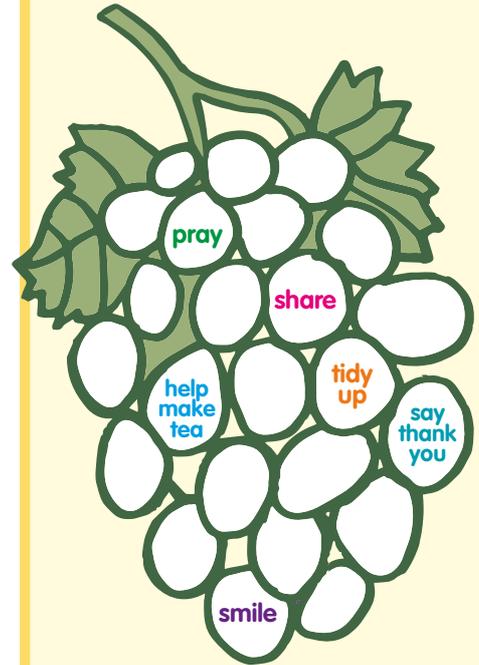
GROWING GOOD FRUIT!

Can you fit the fruit into the grid?

apple
banana
grape
lemon
orange

Bearing good fruit

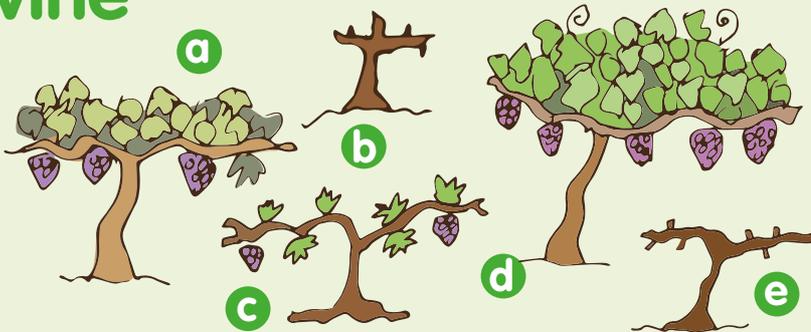
The good things we do are "good fruit". How will you share God's love and grow good fruit this week? Add some of your own ideas.



Colour in the grape when you complete the mission.

Growing vine

Can you put these vines in size order, starting with the smallest?



Which fruit?

Here is a vine, a tree and a bush. Which fruit grows on which plant?



Draw a line to match each fruit to the right plant.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow in your love and bear good fruit. Amen.