



Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet #18

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

9th May 2021 - Easter 6

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Text for the Week

John 15:9

**As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you; abide
in my love.**

Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		On Zoom	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
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	Not on Wed 12th May	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 Feel free to dip in & out	
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers	

Dates for your Diary

4th July	11am Benefice Eucharist with Installation. Acting Archdeacon Giles presiding and preaching (no other services)	
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
15th August	11am Benefice Eucharist with Installation. Acting Archdeacon Giles presiding and preaching (no other services)	St Peter and St Paul's, 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.	
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.	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
 you have delivered us from the power
 of darkness
 and brought us into the kingdom of
 your Son:
 grant, that as by his death he has
 recalled us to life,
 so by his continual presence in us he
 may raise us to eternal joy;
 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 (Alternative readings)
*The reading from Acts must be read
 as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either Acts 10:44-end

*A reading from the Acts of the
 Apostles.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Or Isaiah 55:1-11

PSALM Psalm 98

R *The Lord has made known his salvation.*

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 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 (Alternative readings)

Either 1 John 5:1-6

*A reading from the first letter of
 John.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by

water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Or Acts 10:44-end

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
 water of eternal life:
 may we thirst for you,
 the spring of life and source of
 goodness,
 through him who is alive and reigns,
 now and for ever.



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Sunday 9 May 2021

John 15: 9-17

6th Sunday of Easter

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus said that he loves us just as his Father God loves him. If we listen carefully to what Jesus teaches us we will know that love. Jesus' commandment to us is to love one another.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

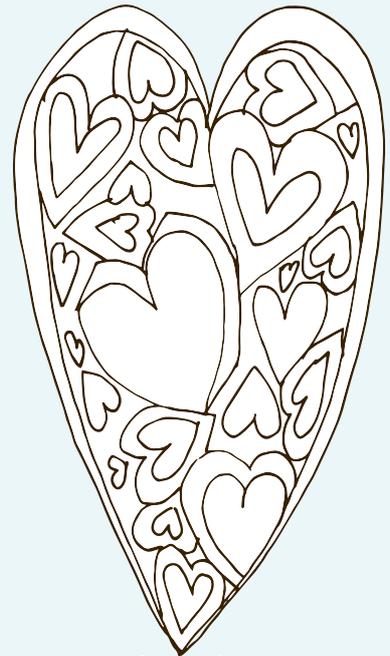
Rearrange the tiles to make Jesus' commandment for us

NE TH O LO ER A VE NO



Love is all around

We know that Jesus loves us. We use a heart as a symbol of love. Count how many hearts you can see here.



If you like, colour them.

LOVE

The letters of the word LOVE can fit into each minigrad, each line and each column, just once.

L			V
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		V	
O			E

Work out where each letter fits to complete the puzzle.

Stay in my love

We show how much we love Jesus when we live as he asks. Find some of the ways we can show how much we love Jesus.

CARE, GIVE, LOVE, PLAY, PRAY, SHARE

Y A L P E
S H A R E
X P A A V
E C K Y I
L O V E G

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, we know that you love us, whatever we do. Help us to love one another as you taught us to, even though it is sometimes hard to do. Amen.

Answers: The tiles spell "love one another". There are 35 hearts.

St James the Least - May 2021

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On the perils of holding a Rose Queen celebration

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins – that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace