



24th April 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcolme

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
2nd Sunday of Easter	24th April	11am Eccumenical All Age Eucharist Service with Holy Baptism		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Eucharist with hymns	9.30am Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday of Easter	1st May	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Rogation BCP Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
4th Sunday of Easter	8th May	11am Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am All Age Eucharist
5th Sunday of Easter	15th May	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
		3pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				

Annual Meetings

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pyworthy
Vestry and APCM (all in church)	27th April 7pm Eucharist 7.30pm Meetings	29th April 2.30pm	28th April 7pm Eucharist 7.30pm Meetings	12th May 7pm Eucharist 7.30pm Meetings

Text for the Week-Psalm 150:1

Alleluia! O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Thanks go to all those who helped throughout Holy Week and for all the flower arrangements.

For the people of Ukraine

God of peace and justice, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in their courage, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

The winners of the Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th April were –
1st Prize, £18.50 – ticket number 114, Andrew from Glebelands
2nd Prize, £3.70 – ticket number 43, Susan from The Willows



26th April: St George of the Golden Legend

The Saint of an English Army before he was Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. Some stories say that he was an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine about the year 300 AD - supposedly 23rd April. Over the years St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported.

In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine gave St George a handsome write-up. The story runs thus:

One day, St George rode up to the heathen city of Sylene in Lybya where he found the citizens in great distress. A neighbouring dragon had forced them to surrender two sheep each day for its dinner, and when the sheep gave out, two of their children; and now they were about to sacrifice the King's daughter, dressed as if for her wedding. St George encountered the little party by a stagnant lake, where the dragon lived, and persuaded the sobbing Princess to tell him why she was so miserable. At that moment the dragon appeared, looking inexpressibly revolting. St George charged forwards and drove his spear into the dragon's gaping mouth. To everyone's amazement, he tumbled the monster over and over.

Then St George borrowed the Princess's girdle, tied it round the dragon's neck, and persuaded her to lead it back to Sylene herself. The sight of her approaching with the befuddled dragon on its makeshift lead emptied the town. When the inhabitants timidly crept back, St George promised to behead the dragon if they would all believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised.

It was a most effective form of evangelism, for everybody said 'yes 'at once. So, 15,000 people were baptised, and four carts were commissioned to remove the dragon's body.

St George thus became a symbol of the war against evil, and he is usually portrayed trampling the dragon of sin under his horse's hoofs. The Crusaders had a vision of him helping them against the Saracens at Antioch, during the first Crusade, and so brought the story of St George back with them from Palestine. Presently England put herself under the protection of the Saint. His day was declared a holiday in 1222. A red cross on a white field is the flag of St George.

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the First or Second reading.

Either Acts 5:27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20. 21

PSALM

Either Psalm 118:14-end

R *This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Or

R *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.*

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous: **R**

"The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds."

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. **R**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. **R**
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

Or Psalm 150

R *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Alleluia!
O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming

with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Let ev-ry-thing that has breath praise- the Lord.



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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

What gift?

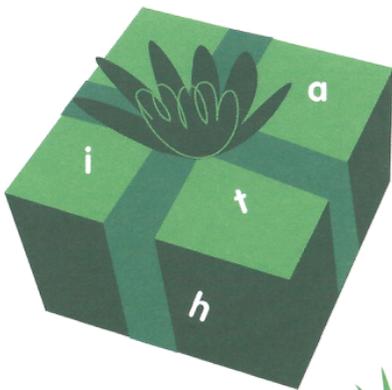
Unscramble the letters to see what gift Jesus gave his friends.

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Here is another gift we can all receive. Unscramble the letters to see what it is.

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The disciples are sad and scared. They are hiding. Suddenly, Jesus is there with them! He gives them all the gift of peace. Thomas had not been with them and cannot believe Jesus really is alive. Jesus comes back and helps Thomas to believe. Thomas knows it really is Jesus because he can see Jesus' wounds. Now everyone is happy!

I can bring peace

Jesus gave his peace to his disciples. We can bring peace to people too. Circle something you will do today to spread peace. Cross out all the bad ideas.



Which disciple?

One disciple needed to see Jesus before he could believe it was really him. Write the correct word for each picture. The letters in the dotted squares will tell you which disciple it was.



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A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us all the gift of peace and the gift of faith. Help me to spread your peace today. Amen.



I am happy!

Thomas believed in Jesus because he could see him. Jesus says those who have not seen him but still believe are happy because we believe! Draw a happy picture of you.

Answers: Peace. Faith. Thomas.