

8th May 2022 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
8th May	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service
15th May	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism		9.30am Morning Prayer
	3pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
22nd May	11am All Age Ecumenical Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist
26th May	7pm Ascension Day Benefice Eucharist, St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy				
29th May	10am Benefice All Age Eucharist at St Pancras, Pancrasweek - AD Verena				
2nd June	2pm Proclamation and Celebration service for the Queen's Jubilee -Holsworthy Church				
5th June	7pm Celebration service for the Queen's Jubilee	3pm Patronal and Jubilee celebration	11am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism		9.30am Morning Prayer
12th June	11am Sung Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service

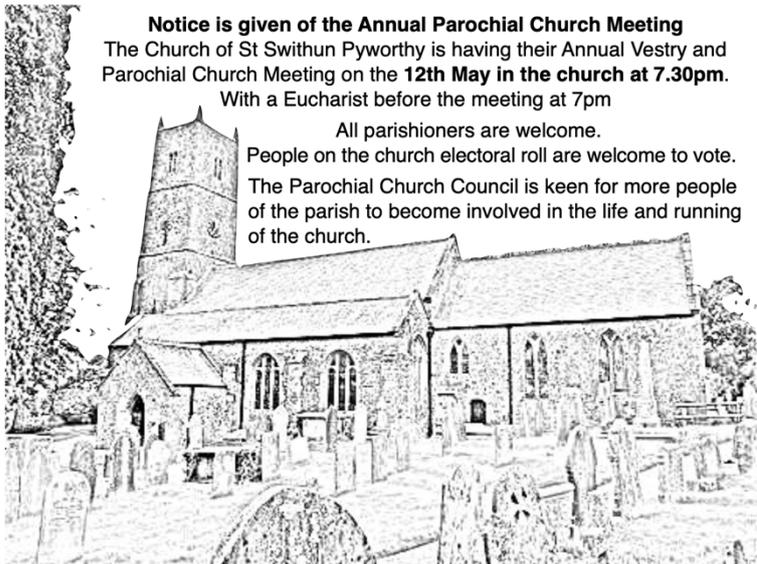
Notice is given of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Church of St Swithun Pyworthy is having their Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting on the **12th May in the church at 7.30pm.**
With a Eucharist before the meeting at 7pm

All parishioners are welcome.

People on the church electoral roll are welcome to vote.

The Parochial Church Council is keen for more people of the parish to become involved in the life and running of the church.



If you would like to know more about the life of the church please contact Libbi York the Benefice administrator on holsworthybenefice@icloud.com or Liffy Lowes on 254423

Services are at 9.30am on a Sunday

1st Sunday of the month - Morning Prayer with hymns

2nd Sunday of the month - All Age Worship with hymns and songs

3rd Sunday of the month - Morning Prayer with hymns

4th Sunday of the month - Eucharist with hymns

Help needed

For a couple of children's craft tables for the Platinum Jubilee
Do you have a spare 1/2 hour between 3-7pm on 5th June?
Please contact Mthr Elizabeth or Libbi

Text for the Week- Psalm 23:3

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Needed

We are looking for glass Jars (larger than Jam Jars), to make Lanterns for the Queens Jubilee. Please leave them at the back of Holsworthy Church by 15th May for Creative Church.



COME AND LEARN HOW TO FACE PAINT

At the next **CREATIVE CHURCH**

on 15th May at 3-5pm

Also **LANTERN MAKING**
for the Jubilee Weekend



1st May: May Day and unbridled merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: 'for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?'

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down – only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and – since 1833 – Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

The life of man is but a span, it flourishes like a flower
We are here today and gone tomorrow – we are dead within an hour.

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as there is about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he 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 9:36-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Or Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18;
9:8-13



PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in your house for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come

from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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In the GOSPEL TODAY

We know Jesus' voice

We hear Jesus speaking every day in the good things people say. Cross out the things that Jesus would never say.

- Be unkind
- Be kind
- Tell lies
- Smile
- Be honest
- Help your parents

Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice and follow him. We are Jesus' sheep. Jesus will take care of each one of his sheep. No one can take us away from Jesus.

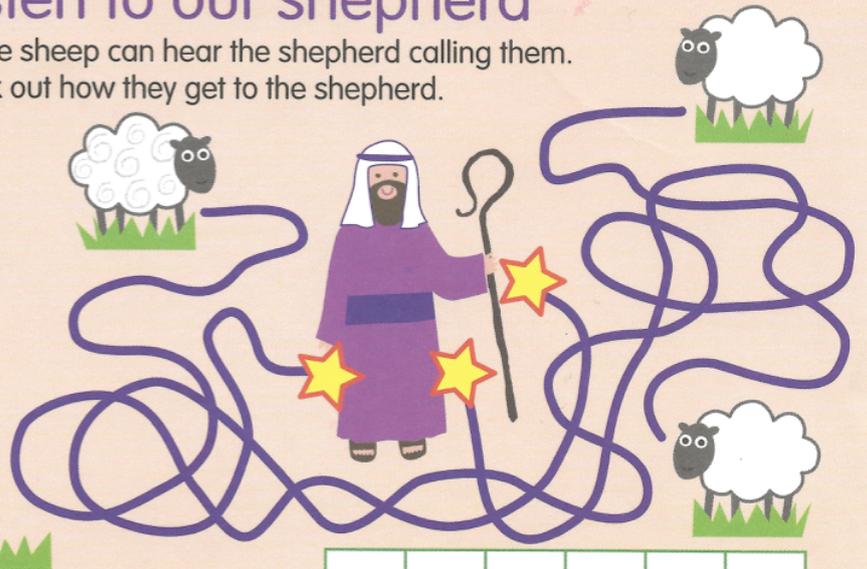
Follow Jesus

We are Jesus' sheep. Jesus showed us how to love. We follow Jesus when we love other people. How will you love people you meet today? Draw your ideas in the sheep.



Listen to our shepherd

These sheep can hear the shepherd calling them. Work out how they get to the shepherd.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Write your name in the spaces.

" _____ I have called you by your name. I know everything about you. I love you, _____, you are very special. Listen to me. Try to follow me. _____ . I will always be with you. "

Now say all the words and imagine Jesus is saying them to you. Remember Jesus saying these words to you during this week.

Word search

Can you find these words?

- FOLLOW
- HEAR
- LOVE
- SHEEP
- LISTEN
- KNOW
- VOICE
- TRUST

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