



29th May 2022 - Easter 7

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
26th May	7pm Ascension Day Benefice Eucharist, St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy. Drinks afterwards.				
29th May	10am Benefice All Age Eucharist at St Pancras, Pancrasweek - Archdeacon Verena				
2nd June	2pm Proclamation and Celebration service for the Queen's Jubilee - Holsworthy Square then 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 with Holy Baptism		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service
16th June	Corpus Christi - Benefice Sung Eucharist, St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy. Drinks afterwards.				
19th June	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
	3pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
26th June	11am Ecumenical Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer	9.3am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer

Text for the Week - Matthew 28: 20b
And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

The winners of the Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th May were –
1st Prize, £18.50 – ticket number 145, Susan from Dobles Lane
2nd Prize, £3.70 – ticket number 148, Tammy from Fore Street

Coffee Morning 1st June in the Memorial Hall for Holsworthy and District Christians Together; funds raised in aid of climate change relief after floods and extreme temperatures in India and Pakistan. Any help, draw prizes or donations gratefully received. Contact Roger Young 01409 259345.

An open evening about our CHURCHYARDS
BRIDGERULE, HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY, PANCRASWEEK AND PYWORTHY
& THEIR BIODIVERSITY ON 8TH JUNE

Meet at Holsworthy Church for 7pm

To include;
information on how to increase biodiversity
wildlife survey findings
next steps & future planning

The Rector is on retreat then leave
27th May to 2nd June



Come and Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the Town Crier's 'Jubilee Proclamation' on Thursday 2nd June 2022 in the Square at 2pm

Followed by the Holsworthy Civic Service of Celebration in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 2.30pm

You and all members of your organisation are cordially invited to the Town's Jubilee Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

From The Mayor Councillor Helen Parker
& The Rector Mother Elizabeth Burke





COME AND CELEBRATE

**Patronal and
Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service**

3pm on Sunday 5th June

at St Petroc's Parish Church, Hollacombe

Followed by cake and fizz

All Warmly Welcome



**St Swithun's Queen's Jubilee Lunch
Pyworthy Village Hall
Sunday 12th June (12.30 for 1.00pm)**

Soup & a roll or fruit juice

Cold Meats or Homity Pie or Cold Salmon

New Potatoes

Assorted Salads

Assorted Puddings

Teas / Coffee / Mints

£15 per head, under 12 £6

**BOOKING NECESSARY
by TUESDAY 7th JUNE**

**To book contact Janet Grant 01409259356
Liffy Lowes 01409 254423**

IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

Help needed

For a couple of children's
craft tables
for the Platinum Jubilee
Do you have a spare 1/2
hour between 4.30-6pm on
5th June?
Please contact Mthr
Elizabeth or Libbi

26th May: Ascension Day, 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them – to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands – and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and to have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

30th May: Joan of Arc, saving France from the English

How far would you go to respond to God's call on your life? When, as the daughter of a peasant family in Champagne in 1426, 14-year-old Joan heard heavenly voices calling her to 'save France' from the English, she decided to obey the call, no matter what the consequences.

Teenage girls who want to rescue their country from foreign troops were considered every bit as crazy back then as they would be now. But Joan eventually came to the notice of the Dauphin (Later Charles VII) who decided to make use of her obvious ability to inspire people – in this case, the French, to fight. And so Joan, dressed in white armour, rode at the front of the French army when they relieved Orleans in April 1429.

Her presence and belief in her divine calling to get rid of the English, did wonders for the morale of the troops, who loved her even more when she sustained a wound in the breast, and made little of it.

A campaign in the Loire followed, and then in July the Dauphin was crowned at Rheims with Joan at his side, carrying her standard. More battles followed that winter, until Joan was captured and sold to the English. They attributed her success to witchcraft and spells, and so imprisoned her at Rouen. She was brought before judges, where her spirited and shrewd defence were outstanding.

But the judges declared her false and diabolical, and she was condemned to die as a heretic. She was burnt at the stake in the marketplace at Rouen on 30th May 1431. Joan died as she had lived; with total faith in God and certainty that she was obeying His will for her life. She died with fortitude, looking at a cross and calling on the name of Jesus. Her ashes were thrown into the Seine.

Joan's integrity and courage are what shine down the centuries. Here is a patron saint for you if you feel that God is calling you to do something extraordinary: something that is way, way beyond your comfort zone; but something that could right wrongs and make a difference in the world. Are you up for it?

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
 you have exalted your only Son Jesus
 Christ
 with great triumph to your kingdom in
 heaven:
 we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
 but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
 and exalt us to the place
 where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
 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 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer

called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Or Ezekiel 36:24-28

PSALM Psalm 97

R You, Lord, are most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **R**

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. **R**

The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord. **R**

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **R**

Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17. 20-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL John 17:20-end

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



You, Lord, - are most high ov - er all the earth.



Sunday 29 May 2022
John 17:20-26
7th Sunday of Easter

In the GOSPEL TODAY

Coded message

Can you complete this sentence?

Jesus _____ his
_____ and _____
am his _____.

D=		N=	
E=		O=	
F=		R=	
I=		S=	
L=		V=	

Jesus prays for all his friends - and that includes us! He wants us all to be good friends and love each other. When we follow Jesus' example and become more loving, we get to know God our Father more.

Word search

Show how well you know God the Father by finding the words that describe him in the word search.

- KIND
- GENTLE
- WISE
- LOVING
- GOOD
- GIVING

G	E	N	T	L	E
O	T	G	G	K	L
O	R	I	W	I	V
L	O	V	I	N	G
T	N	I	S	D	L
K	G	N	E	G	E
I	N	G	O	O	D

Emoji puzzle

What do you think these emojis mean? How are the emojis showing how you can be a good friend? Do the puzzle while you think about it. Use just one of the different emojis in each row and each column and each grid.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and being my friend. Help me to be a good friend and to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

Do you know God?

Jesus wants us to know and love his Father like he does. Fill in the gaps to find out what Jesus teaches us about God the Father.

God the Father _____ (lveso) us.

He sent J _____ (sues) his Son into the world.

He also sent the Holy S ___ r ___ (tipi) to teach us more.

The Father, Son and Spirit are ___ (noe).