



10th October 2021 - Trinity 19

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Trinity 19	10th October	11am Harvest Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
Trinity 20	17th October		9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Harvest Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
	17th October	3.30pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
Trinity 21	24 October	11am All Age Service		11am Morning Prayer	9.30 All Age Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist
All Saints	31st October	10am Benefice Service, Bridgerule St Bridget's Church				
All Souls	31st October	3pm All Souls Service Pyworthy, St Swithuns				

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers - pop in when you can	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
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Dates for your Diary

14th Oct	9.30am Holsworthy Primary Harvest Festival	St Peter and St Paul's Church
28th Oct	7pm Concert - St Martins in the Field Professional Choir. Link to book; https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whats-on-event/st-martins-voices-in-concert-st-peter-and-st-paul-parish-church/ or tickets from Libbi York (Administrator) and Mother Elizabeth	St Peter and St Paul's Church
31st Oct	3pm All Souls Service, memorial service to remember our loved ones	Pyworthy Parish Church

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bridgerule Gift Day we received £1725.00.

Text for the Week Mark 10.31

But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

10th October 11am Bridgerule
17th October 11am Holsworthy

Make and help with refreshments for the St Martin's voices concert

Sandwiches, savouries and cakes needed for the concert and also help on the evening. Please let Carol Weston know if you can help 01409 259371 cwcarolweston@gmail.com



St Martin's Voices in Concert

St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Holsworthy

Thursday 28th
October 2021
7 - 8pm

Tickets: £7.50 (£3 under 16) including refreshments
www.smitf.org/tour

The professional singers from **St Martin-in-the-Fields** present an hour-long concert that reflects on themes of love, hope, joy and peace.

Includes choral masterpieces by Thomas Tallis, Hubert Parry, John Stainer, Amy Beach, Ola Gjeilo and James MacMillan.

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JH
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God in the Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a wood engraving of The Feast of Tabernacles, one of several 'Illustrations of Jewish Customs' by Simeon Solomon.

You can see a copy of the illustration at <https://victorianweb.org/art/illustration/ssolomon/24.html>

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'Spread over us the tabernacle of your peace, O God'

For nine days at the end of September Jewish families will have gathered to celebrate the festival of Tabernacles. It is always a happy season as adults and children alike join for their Harvest feast. Many churches will be having their own Harvest Thanksgivings at the beginning of this month. We know this was a custom revived by Parson Hawker in the Victorian period, but its roots lie in that Jewish feast which Jesus Himself knew and celebrated.



Each family erects a tabernacle or tent in the garden or back yard. They will have their meals and spend time there, relaxing with one another. The roof of each tabernacle might have branches of trees covering it, hung with fruits and fragrant flowers. The children decorate the tent with drawings and pictures.

Because it is only a temporary building for that time of the year, and because the roof is fragile, it is a reminder of the journeying of the Israelites in the wilderness when their safety rested on the goodness of God. It was God who watched over the people then. It is God who watches over them now and watches over the earth, so that it is fruitful, providing food for their health and happiness.

This feast is the subject of this month's picture by Simeon Solomon. He was a Jewish artist, born in London in 1840 into a family of artists. He made his own reputation through meeting the Pre-Raphaelites and the poet, Swinburne. Solomon was a colourful character of that period, whose life sadly ended in poverty and alcoholism. But this wood engraving was made early on in his life in 1866. It is part of a series illustrating Jewish customs, which Solomon provided for 'Leisure Hour.'

We see an elderly person on the left making his way into the tent, and at the other side a mother leading her children. The walls outside are adorned with palm branches and inside the tent a feast of fruits and food await them. The young boy seems hesitant, wondering what he will find and clinging to the hand of his mother. But all is well, for inside other members of the family are there to welcome them.

Solomon conveys the domesticity of this feast, and the young boy outside reminds us that Jesus Himself would have celebrated this feast with Mary and Joseph. They would also have gone up to Jerusalem to join the thousands of pilgrims there, as Jesus was to do later in His adult ministry. Each pilgrim would carry a branch of myrtle, palm and willow in one hand and a citrus fruit in the other, symbols of the fruits of the promised land. The air would be full of hosannas and praises to God.

Like the Jewish families at the Feast of Tabernacles, we shall gather for our Harvest Thanksgivings. Like them, we shall thank God for His faithful goodness in the past. Like them, we shall look ahead to the coming of God's kingdom, where God who feeds us now in food and drink will nourish us eternally. Like them, we shall proclaim, 'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the one who trusts in Him.'

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Amos 5:6-7. 10-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM Psalm 90:12-end

R O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?

Have compassion on your servants. **R**

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, and for the years in which we have seen adversity. **R**

Show your servants your works, and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 10 October 2021
 Mark 10:17-30
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

A rich young man asks Jesus how he can get to heaven. Jesus challenges the man to share what he has with other people. It's not always easy to share – but God will help us.

SHARE WITH OTHERS

Colour

Here is the rich young man. He is very sad.

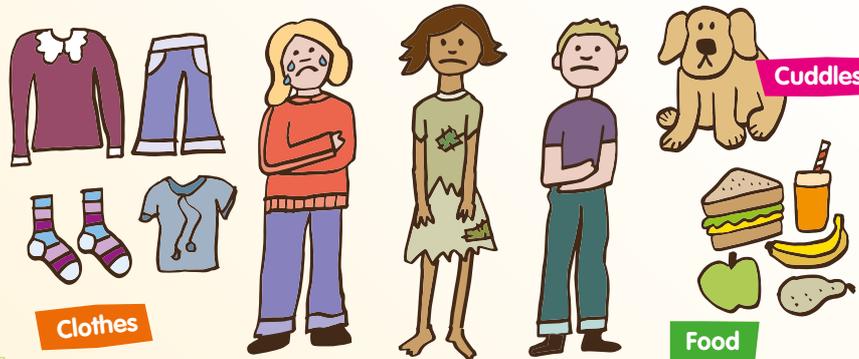
He doesn't think he can share all his money.



Who needs what?

These people all need something.

Can you draw a line from each person to the thing they need?



Share your wealth

The rich man was a very good man, but he loved his money very much.



Help the rich man give away his money so that each poor person has the same amount.

Enter God's Kingdom

Jesus wants us all to enter God's kingdom but it might not be that easy.

Can you follow the right path to get there?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you for loving me, Jesus, just like you loved the rich young man. Help me to rise to your challenge and share what I have with others. Amen.

Answers: Each person can have four coins