



# 23rd January 2022 - Epiphany 3

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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## Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

|   |                  | Bridgerule  | Hollacombe                | Holsworthy             | Pancra-week              | Pyworthy                     |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Epiphany 3</b>                         | 23th<br>h<br>Jan | 11am Ecumenical All Age Eucharist   |                           | 11am Morning Prayer    | 9.30am All Age Eucharist | 9.30 Said Eucharist          |
| <b>Presentation of Christ</b> - Candlemas | 30th<br>h<br>Jan |   |                           |                        |                          | 10am Benefice Sung Eucharist |
| <b>4th Sunday before Lent</b>             | 6th<br>Feb       | 11am Morning Prayer   | 3pm BCP Evening Prayer    | 11am Sung Eucharist    |                          | 9.30am All Age Service       |
| <b>3rd Sunday before Lent</b>             | 13th<br>h<br>Feb | 11am Eucharist  |                           | 11am All Age Eucharist |                          | 9.30am Sung Eucharist        |
| <b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>             | 20th<br>h<br>Feb | 11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel                                    | 9.30am BCP Holy Communion | 11am Sung Eucharist    |                          | 9.30 Morning Prayer          |
|   |                  | 3.30pm <b>CREATIVE CHURCH</b> for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church |                           |                        |                          |                              |

## Dates for your Diary

|                    |        |                                   |                |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 24th - 28th<br>Jan |        | Mother Elizabeth away on training | Windsor Castle |
| Thur 10th Feb      | 7pm    | Holsworthy PCC meeting            | Rectory / Zoom |
| Tue 15th Feb       | 7.30pm | Pyworthy PCC                      | Zoom           |

## Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

|         |         |                                      |  |
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| Fridays | 12 Noon | Midday Prayers - pop in when you can | Zoom details; <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?</a><br>To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice |
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### LENT COURSE

There is plans to run a Mission Community Lent course this year possibly ecumenical if other churches are interested.

**Text for the Week** - Corinthians 12:12  
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ.

**IT IS CURRENTLY MANDATORY TO WEAR MASKS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP**

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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

**Nehemiah 8:1-3. 5-6. 8-10**

*A reading from the book of Nehemiah.*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

## PSALM Psalm 19:1-6

**R** *The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another  
and one night unfolds knowledge to  
another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language  
and their voices are not heard,  
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world. **R**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of  
his chamber and rejoices as a champion  
to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R**

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with

it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

## GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the  
light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and  
for ever.



## **25<sup>th</sup> January: St Paul, the first Christian intellectual**

This month, on 25<sup>th</sup> January, the Church celebrates probably the most famous conversion of all. At least, what happened to a young man called Saul on the road to Damascus has become a byword for all instant conversions - what is known as a 'damascene' moment. Saul was a devout Jew, a Pharisee, a student of Gamaliel and a fierce critic of the followers of Jesus, then a very new sect on the religious scene.

On his way to Damascus to start a purge of Christians in that city, he was blinded by a bright light and heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' He asked the identity of the voice, and was told: 'Jesus, whom you are persecuting'. Stunned by the experience, he followed further instructions which led him to a Christian man in Damascus, who prayed with him. As he did, Saul's sight was restored.

The experience convinced Paul that Jesus - crucified in Jerusalem four or five years earlier - was in fact the Messiah and had risen from the dead. After a period of instruction, Saul was baptised and took the name Paul. At first, some Christians were wary about the reality of his conversion, but over a period of time he was accepted and indeed eventually recognised as an 'apostle', a 'special messenger' of Jesus Christ.

His intellectual stature and leadership gifts quickly marked him out, and within a few years he became a leading figure in the emerging Christian Church, preaching and founding churches all over the Middle East, largely of Gentile converts. He was eventually martyred in Rome, probably in 65AD.

Paul was the first intellectual of the Christian Church, the man who was able to set the events of the life and teaching of Jesus, and especially His death and resurrection, into a coherent theology, with its roots very clearly in the Jewish faith of his own upbringing.

Many people think of Paul as a rather negative, narrow misogynist, but even a quick reading of his letters actually reveals a person of great warmth, who evoked enormous affection and devotion from others. 'You would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me!' he writes to the Christians at Galatia. As for the charge that Paul disliked women, even a quick read of his letters will reveal how large a role women played in his churches. In terms of the first century, St Paul was a dangerous liberal! So, all in all, the amazing Paul of Tarsus deserves a bit of celebrating on 25<sup>th</sup> January.



Sunday 23 January 2022  
 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 3rd Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### We are anointed

I was anointed when I was baptised. That means I am like Jesus. I can share his work. Tick what you will do this week to bring good news to someone.




help in the kitchen

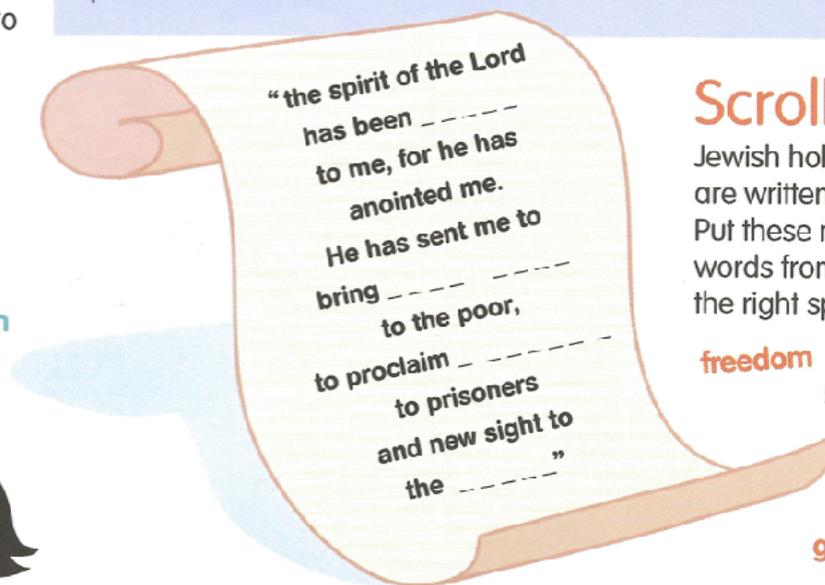



play nicely



tidy my room

Jesus comes to the synagogue in his hometown and begins to read from the scroll. He reads God's promise that the anointed Messiah will bring good news and freedom to everyone, especially people who are poor or suffering. Then Jesus tells everyone that he is the promised Messiah!



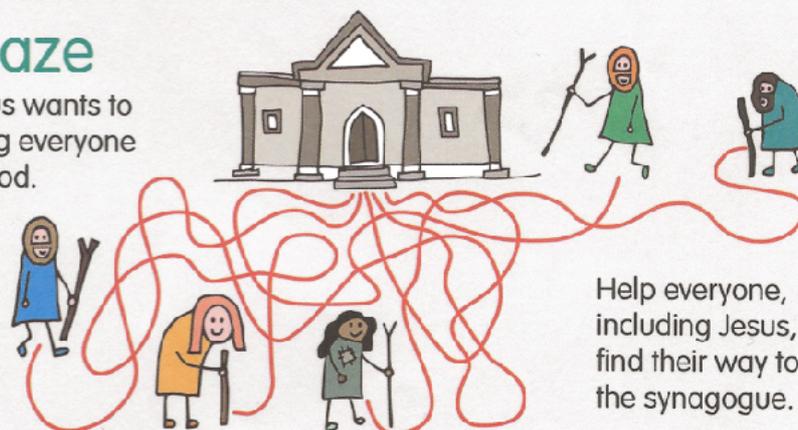
### Scrolls

Jewish holy writings are written on scrolls. Put these missing words from Isaiah in the right spaces.

- freedom
- good news
- blind
- given

### Maze

Jesus wants to bring everyone to God.



Help everyone, including Jesus, find their way to the synagogue.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

What great news, Jesus!  
 You are God's promise for us! Help me to spread the good news of God's promise by the loving things I do and say today. Amen.

### Make a scroll

You will need a long piece of paper that you can roll up at both sides.

Copy the words from Isaiah that Jesus read or chose your own words from the bible.



Tie it closed with a piece of ribbon or string.

