Holsworthy Benefice January News Sheet

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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
5 th Jan	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30amFamily Service
12 th Jan	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
19 th Jan		9.30am Mass	11am Sung Eucharist with Confirmations		9.30am Sung Eucharist
26 th Jan	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	2.30pm Plough Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer
2 nd Feb	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mornig Prayer 3pm Leading Your Church into Growth	•	9.30am Family Service

Dear Friends

I trust you all enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all of you for your Christmas wishes and cards to me and to my family. We wish you good health and felicitations for 2025. I remain grateful to all of you who continue to support our churches through leading services; sitting on PCCs; caring for buildings & churchyards; serving in our communities... and so much more! God bless you all.

Requests for parish pastoral visitors have been growing recently and are well received. We have a small number of dedicated visitors and there is capacity for two or three more. Please let me know if you could spare an hour or two a month to visit those who receive few visitors.

This year I wish to offer a range of discipleship opportunities – please do ask if you would like to take part or notice a gap. During January I am hosting three social evenings over food (Jackets & Salad) to invite those who would like to find out more about Christianity. Consider who you would like to invite to come. In February (18th) we resume our Home Group on Tuesday evenings. It is open to all. The six-week course will look at the Ten Commandments and their implication for us today.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Blessings from your Rector, Revd Alison Hardy

Please note that I shall be on 'granny' leave from Monday 26th January to Friday 7th February to support my daughter expecting her third child. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery!

Readings for January

5th Jan – Green Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: (1-9) 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

12th Jan – Green Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17 Gospel Luke 3: 15-17. 21-22

19th Jan – Green Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 Gospel John 2: 1-11

26th Jan – Green Third Sunday of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8: 1-3. 5-6. 8-10. Psalm 19: 1-6 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Gospel Luke 4: 14-21

Notices

Notices for the month

7th January 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal in St Peter & St Paul's

8th, 15th, 22nd Jackets & Salad 6-8pm social evening exploring Christianity at the Rectory

19th Confirmation Eucharist 11am in St Peter & St Paul's with Bishop Mike Harrison

20th Christians Together 7.15pm in the Blue Room, Bodmin St Methodist Church

21st Rota setting & Worship Leaders 7pm The Rectory

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn in December were:

1st Prize, £18.00 – ticket number 179, Allan from Launceston

2nd Prize, £3.60 – ticket number 131, Patrick from The Vineyards

Thank you to everyone that supported the St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy, 2024 Christmas Tree Festival, in any way. It was a huge success and such a pleasure for us to meet and chat to so many people and welcome them to our church.

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RING & RIDE BUSES

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WHEN YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR OR ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE ...

CARS FOR CARE

If you need transport to a healthcare appointment the volunteer drivers use their own cars to provide transport. The cost is 50p per mile from the driver's house to the destination and return. This money goes only to their fuel and insurance costs.

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If you wish to advertise in upcoming news sheet please contact the benefice administrator by 20th Jan.

Sunday 5 January 2025

Epiphany

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we,

who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 72:[1-9] 10-15 R The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

Give the king your judgements, O God,

and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,

like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. ${\bf R}$

May his dominion extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,

and dear shall their blood be in his sight. Long may he live;

unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in

Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasurechests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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Lord God,

the bright splendour whom the nations seek:

- may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
- discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
- the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Lord is king; let the earth re-joice.

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Sunday 12 January 2025

Baptism of Christ

COLLECT

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our

calling as your adopted children; 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

PSALM Psalm 29

- **R** The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
- Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

- The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
- the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
- the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. ${\bf R}$

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, "Glory!" R

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;

- the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17 A reading from the Acts of the

Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshingfloor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and

revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your

- beloved Son:
- by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
- through the waters of the new creation;
- through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Sunday 19 January 2025 Second Sunday of Epiphany

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Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by

the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

PSALM Psalm 36:5-10

R With you, O God, is the well of life.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens

and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness stands like the

strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;

you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. R

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!

All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights. R

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Sunday 26 January 2025 Th

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 tabemacle 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,

illumined 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.

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