

# Holsworthy Benefice

## October News Sheet

Holsworthy Benefice					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancras-week	Pyworthy
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Harvest Service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>3pm Evensong</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Bridgerule Methodist Church</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am All Age Eucharist</b>		<b>11am Cafe Church</b>	<b>9.30am All Age Family Service</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Family Service</b> <b>6pm All Souls Service</b>

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.55am Acts of Remembrance and Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11.30am Acts of Remembrance Anvil Corner</b>	<b>10am Eucharist with Acts of Remembrance  3pm Wreath Laying and Service</b>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			<b>10.50am Civic Service in Stanhope Park</b>		<b>10.50am Acts of Remembrance</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>11am Bridgerule Methodist Church</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>11am All Age Eucharist</b>		<b>11am Cafe Church</b>	<b>9.30am All Age Family Service</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10am Benefice Service at Pyworthy</b>				
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>		<b>2.30pm Advent Carols</b>			

**Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with  
Pancrasweek**

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Dear Friends,

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our Lay Deanery Chair and Church Warden of St Peter & St Paul in September. Helen Young was well known to many, not just in the church community but also through her years of teaching and having been a long time resident of Holsworthy. She will be sorely missed. We particularly hold in our prayers before God her husband Roger and their daughter Rebecca.

Personally, I have lost someone who warmly welcomed me into the Benefice when I arrived as your priest, and was a great support of help when needed. I came to rely upon her knowledge of local people and customs and cherished her wisdom. Like many of you, my prayers are of thanksgiving for the light and joy Helen brought into our lives.

Roger and Rebecca invite you to join them at a celebration of the life of Helen on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in St Peter & Paul's. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

In the name of Christ,  
Alison

## Mothers' Union campaign against domestic violence

Every year Mothers' Union raises the profile of social injustice during their 16 days of Activism against gender based violence. This year the focus is on domestic violence. Pyworthy Church is gathering knitted chain links to put together as part of a display to highlight the awareness of domestic violence: each chain represents a victim. They will be displayed during Pyworthy Christmas Fair and remain in place until Pyworthy Christingle Service when the proceeds will be sent to a women's refuge. Please join in the knitting and bring your links to Pyworthy Church on the afternoon of **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** to put them together into one large chain.



A plea to all who knit to become part of a 'Chain' reaction to highlight the growing number of incidents related to domestic violence being reported across the county of Devon in the past few years. Every link in the chain represents a victim of domestic abuse.

All that is required is to create these knitted chains is to 'cast on 60 stitches, knit 6 rows and then cast off' [size 8 or 4mm needles]. Then arrange for your completed knitted chains to be delivered to Pyworthy Church before 25<sup>th</sup> November, allowing time for them to be added together into one large chain.

You can **Join Us** and **Join In** alongside Mothers' Union members, who have been knitting chains to be used in displays in different locations during the 16 Days of Activism which runs from the 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through to 5th December, Human Rights Day, to highlight the appalling statistics as they join the Campaign for #NoMore1in3 to end abuse and violence now. Thank you.



## **Harvest Festivals**

Many of our harvest celebrations were held in September with memorable worship, food and celebration! We are drawing close to the end of the harvest with the concluding celebration held in the Cattle Ring at Holsworthy Livestock Market on **Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Join us to sing the final round of We Plough the Fields and Scatter... accompanied by Holsworthy Town Band.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** in the Cattle Ring for a celebration of harvest with traditional harvest hymns and readings. Followed by refreshments in the Market Café.

## **Autumn Discipleship Course**

The Romans Course starts on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

I am excited about this course! Invite your friends and neighbours as we gather to unlock the mystery and history of the letter in the Bible written to the early Christians living in Rome.

- Find out more about the letter in the Bible written to the Romans
- Excellent video material, filmed in Rome and in studio
- Covers background history and facts
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- Welcome to all faiths and none
- Weekly attractive handouts
- 10-week course
- Covers the themes of the Gospel, sin, salvation, peace, freedom, hope, mystery, devotion, community, mission
- Course book available at a reduced price of £11
- Tuesdays 7-9pm at the Rectory

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Autumn Discipleship: The Romans Course 7-9pm at the Rectory. The 10-week course takes us step by step through the book of Romans by likening the book to a mountain range which we are invited to climb. Full of mountaineering anecdotes, alongside short film presentations, Romans is broken down into accessible chunks to illustrate salvation, God's invitation and the outworking of our faith. Open to all

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** St Peter & St. Paul's, Holsworthy is hosting the coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st October, please come along and support if you can, it would be lovely to see you there.

### **Livestock Market Harvest Festival**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** in the Cattle Ring for a celebration of harvest with traditional harvest hymns and readings. Followed by refreshments in the Market Café.

### **Local Worship Leadership Training**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov** -Training sessions are held every 6 months. The next session will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November and led by Revd Paul Fitzpatrick. Please contact Libby for further details.

### **Can you Help?**

Pyworthy Church celebrate Christingle on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 at 4pm, St Swithuns Church, Pyworthy. Its a family focus service, where lots of the local children attend and take part in. During the service the congregation can offer wrapped toy donation, these don't have to be brand new, as long as they are clean and not missing parts or broken. These gifts are passed to a Devon Women's Refuge for the children who get caught up in domestic violence to open on Christmas Day. These children leave their homes with very little, or often nothing, just to be safe. If you would like to help we ask that each gift is wrapped with a label suggestion age/gender appropriate. If unable to make the Christingle Service, the gifts can be left in Pyworthy church from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025. If you are having problems getting the gifts to the church please email Libby on [holsworthybenefice@icloud.com](mailto:holsworthybenefice@icloud.com)

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

**The winners of the St. Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw for September were:**

**1st Prize £17.50 - ticket number 163, Ian P**

**2nd Prize, £3.50 - ticket number 183, Alison L**

**If you would like to purchase tickets for the next Jackpot Draw, or know anyone who might wish to support Holsworthy Parish Church in this way, please contact the Treasurer on 07790 380119**



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# WHAT'S ON AT HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY – OCTOBER 2025

- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:15pm–2:45pm
- **Lloyds Bank Community Banking**, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – 2pm–4pm.  
Free drop in sessions.
- **Family History Session for Families!** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am–12:30pm  
Limited places, please book with library staff
- **Using Email on Your Mobile Device**, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm–4:30pm.  
Free (please book via Learn Devon on 01392 384094).
- **Effective Dog Communication**: Talk with Rebecca Hanlon, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm. Free to attend but please book via Eventbrite or with library staff. Donations welcome on the night.
- **Travel Planning With Your Mobile Device**, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm–4:30pm. Free (please book via Learn Devon on 01392 384094)
- **Gardening Cuppa & Chat**, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – 2pm–3pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Half Term Children's Book Sale**, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>–Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.  
**Bring your sow & grow pumpkin in** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm–5pm  
**Board Games, Biscuits and Craft** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – 11am–4pm  
**Lego Challenge Day** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 11am–4pm
- **Fancy Dress Swap Clothes Rail** – all month during opening hours.
- **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday – 10am–12:00pm

**Free hot drinks available during opening hours.**

**Most events are free but, donations always welcome.**

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10 AM - 12 PM

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# **SAVE OUR CHURCH CLOCK**

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St Swithun's has a 14th century tower, part of a 13th century church. The last major restoration was in 1880.

The clock, repaired 50 years ago, has now seized.

**PLEASE HELP  
RESTORE  
OUR CLOCK**



We are raising funds for the repair of our church. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



**gofundme.com/f/  
help-restore-our-clock**

# Readings for October and November

## 5<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

Psalms 37: 1-9

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

## 12<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity –

2 Kings 5: 1-3. 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel Luke 17: 11-19

## 19<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

### Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5

Gospel Luke 18: 1-8

## 26<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

### Bible Sunday –

Isaiah 45:22-end

Psalms 119: 129-136

Romans 15: 1-6

Gospel Luke 4: 16-24

### Harvest Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalms 100

Philippians 4.4-9 or

Revelation 14.14-18

John 6.25-35

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov-White

### All Saints' Day –

Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-end

Gospel Luke 6: 20-31

## 9<sup>th</sup> Nov-Green/Red

### Third Sunday before Advent –

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17: 1-9 (1-8)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. 13-end.

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

## 16<sup>th</sup> Nov-Green/Red

### Second Sunday before Advent –

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov-Red/White

### Christ the King–

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

## 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-Purple

### First day of Advent –

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13: 11-end

Gospel Matthew 24: 36-44



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## **Holsworthy Foodbank**

**Samaritans**

**Age UK -**

**Domestic Abuse – Womens Aid**

**Domestic Abuse – Mens Advice Line**

**Childline**

**01271 377077**

**116 123**

**0808 055 6112**

**0808 2000 247**

**0808 8010 327**

**0800 111**

# Sunday

5 October 2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at them, proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

## PSALM Psalm 37:1-9

**R** *The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord.*

Fret not because of evildoers; be not jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like grass and like the green herb fade away. Trust in the Lord and be doing good;

dwell in the land and be nourished with truth. **R**

Let your delight be in the Lord and he will give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. **R**

Be still before the Lord and wait for him; do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their evil schemes. Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his

own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.





# Sunday

12 October 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find  
their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw  
us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly  
city  
where we shall see you 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 2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15c

*A reading from the second book of Kings.*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do

something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

## PSALM Psalm 111

*R The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.  
The works of the Lord are great,  
sought out by all who delight in them.  
His work is full of majesty and honour  
and his righteousness endures  
for ever. **R**

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
He gave food to those who feared him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
He showed his people the power of his works  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.  
The works of his hands are truth and justice;  
all his commandments are sure. **R**

They stand fast for ever and ever;  
they are done in truth and equity.  
He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is his name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it;  
his praise endures for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

## GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." your faith has made you well."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to  
all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is  
before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 Genesis 32:22-31

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

## PSALM Psalm 121

**R** *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to  
stumble;  
he who watches over you will not  
sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over  
Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right  
hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by  
day,  
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.  
The Lord shall keep watch over your  
going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

Continue in what you have learned  
and firmly believed, knowing from  
whom you learned it, and how  
from childhood you have known  
the sacred writings that are able to  
instruct you for salvation through  
faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is  
inspired by God and is useful for  
teaching, for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness, so  
that everyone who belongs to God  
may be proficient, equipped for  
every good work. In the presence  
of God and of Christ Jesus, who is  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and in view of his appearing and  
his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:  
proclaim the message; be persistent  
whether the time is favourable or  
unfavourable; convince, rebuke,  
and encourage, with the utmost



patience in teaching. For the time  
is coming when people will not put  
up with sound doctrine, but having  
itching ears, they will accumulate  
for themselves teachers to suit their  
own desires, and will turn away from  
listening to the truth and wander  
away to myths. As for you, always  
be sober, endure suffering, do the  
work of an evangelist, carry out your  
ministry fully.

## GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable  
about their need to pray always  
and not to lose heart. He said, "In a  
certain city there was a judge who  
neither feared God nor had respect  
for people. In that city there was a  
widow who kept coming to him and  
saying, 'Grant me justice against  
my opponent.' For a while he  
refused; but later he said to himself,  
'Though I have no fear of God and  
no respect for anyone, yet because  
this widow keeps bothering me, I  
will grant her justice, so that she  
may not wear me out by continually  
coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen  
to what the unjust judge says. And  
will not God grant justice to his  
chosen ones who cry to him day and  
night? Will he delay long in helping  
them? I tell you, he will quickly grant  
justice to them. And yet, when the  
Son of Man comes, will he find faith  
on earth?"

## POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ,  
for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is  
renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is  
given,  
when we shall feast at that table  
where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.





## COLLECT

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy scriptures  
to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly  
digest them  
that, through patience, and the  
comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold  
fast the hope of everlasting  
life,  
which you have given us in our  
Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 45:22-end

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD: Turn to me  
and be saved, all the ends of the  
earth! For I am God, and there is  
no other. By myself I have sworn,  
from my mouth has gone forth in  
righteousness a word that shall not  
return: "To me every knee shall  
bow, every tongue shall swear."  
Only in the LORD, it shall be said  
of me, are righteousness and  
strength; all who were incensed  
against him shall come to him and  
be ashamed. In the LORD all the  
offspring of Israel shall triumph  
and glory.

## PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

**R** *The opening of your word  
gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.  
The opening of your word gives  
light;  
it gives understanding to the  
simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my  
breath,  
as I long for your commandments.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your way with those who love  
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,  
and let no wickedness have  
dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly  
oppressors  
so that I may keep your  
commandments. **R**

Show the light of your  
countenance upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.  
My eyes run down with streams of  
water,  
because the wicked do not keep  
your law. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 15:1-6**

*A reading from the letter of Paul  
to the Romans.*

We who are strong ought to put  
up with the failings of the weak,  
and not to please ourselves.  
Each of us must please our  
neighbour for the good purpose  
of building up the neighbour.  
For Christ did not please himself;  
but, as it is written, "The insults  
of those who insult you have  
fallen on me." For whatever  
was written in former days was  
written for our instruction, so  
that by steadfastness and by the  
encouragement of the scriptures  
we might have hope. May the  
God of steadfastness and  
encouragement grant you to live  
in harmony with one another, in  
accordance with Christ Jesus, so  
that together you may with one  
voice glorify the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL Luke 4:16-24

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

When Jesus 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."  
All spoke well of him and were  
amazed at the gracious words that  
came from his mouth. They said,  
"Is not this Joseph's son?" He  
said to them, "Doubtless you will  
quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor,  
cure yourself!' And you will say,  
'Do here also in your home town  
the things that we have heard you  
did at Capernaum.'" And he said,  
"Truly I tell you, no prophet is  
accepted in the prophet's home  
town."

## POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the  
hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your  
heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living  
bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and  
for ever.



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