

The Holsworthy Mission Community News

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From our Rural Dean

There is an old Jewish saying that goes: 'If you want to make God laugh tell him your plans.' It was my plan to remain in Holsworthy until I retired, but it would seem that God has other ideas!

It was announced in the churches on the 16th of October that I will be leaving Holsworthy Benefice sometime in January 2017 to take up the position of Rector of the parishes of Broseley with Benthall and Jackfield, Willey with Linley and Barrow in the Diocese of Hereford.

Very early on the morning of my ordination in July 2000 I sat in the chapel of Shallowford House where I was staying and promised God that I would always go wherever he wanted me to and I would always do whatever he asked of me. That doesn't mean that being obedient to those promises is easy and while I am excited by the opportunities and challenges of this move, the decision to leave has only been the result of much wrestling with God.

I will be very sad to leave Holsworthy as I have always felt blessed here and have thoroughly enjoyed the three and a bit years that I have been your priest. I have had some really good times and met some really good people. I have made good friends whom I will always treasure.

But I do feel God's hand in this. He moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. I don't believe in coincidences, I prefer to consider them as 'God - instances'. I stumbled across this opportunity in Broseley by accident, but as I read through the information about the parishes and the work to be done I could hear God's call and after much prayer and soul searching, I knew that the time had come for me to move.

I will always look back at my time here amongst you with fondness and with many happy memories. I pray that God will quickly raise up a new priest for you and that you will not be long in interregnum.

If ever you find yourselves in Shropshire, then do look me up. I believe in an open house and you will be made very welcome.

Your priest and friend

Christopher

Bishop Sarah's Wild West Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th October, 10.30-12.30

Halwill Parish Hall, Halwill Junction, EX21 5XR

Due to an administrative error in the September issue, the vulnerable churches that will be visited for prayer in November will now be as follows:

Thursday 3rd November Ashwater Thursday 17th November Hollacombe

These are short informal services that start at 10am -If you are free, do come and join us.

**Holsworthy Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Sarah
Sunday 20th November at Ashwater Church 7pm
followed by a Bring and Share Supper in Ashwater Parish Hall
All are most welcome – please come and support our candidates**

ASHWATER, BEAWORTHY, CLAWTON, HALWILL & TETCOTT with LUFFINCOTT

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| 30 th October | Benefice Holy Communion by Extension with Jim Williams | Ashwater Church | 11am |
| 31 st October | Bible Study - looking at the letter of James | Chris Long's | 2pm |
| 1 st November | Soup & Sweet £2.50 | Halwill Baptist hall | 12-2pm |
| 2 nd November | Holy Communion by Extension | Halwill Church | 10am |
| 4 th November | Morning Prayer | Beaworthy Church | 10am |
| 10 th November | 'Good Company Afternoon' | Arscott Hall Tetcott | 2.30pm |
| 11 th November | Armistice service | Ashwater War Memorial | 10.50am |

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| 12 th November | Halwill United Churches Away Day at Trencreek Farm, Wainhouse Corner, Bude £14 book now with Gillian Bray gillianandpaul@btinternet.com | | |
| 17 th November | Forget me not Friends | Halwill Baptist Hall | 3-5pm |
| 19 th November | Coffee Morning, Cakes! | Beaworthy Church | 10-30-12-30pm |
| 19 th November | Wine & Wisdom | Clawton Village Hall | 7.30pm |

BLACK TORRINGTON, BRADFORD with COOKBURY, HIGHAMPTON & THORNBURY

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| 28 th October | Bencoolen Wreckers and Arscott Ladies Choir Entrance £6 booked in advance or £7 on the door to include light refreshments Janet Fisher 01409 261882, Val Letheren 01409 231430 or Sheila Grabham 01409 231581 | Black Torrington Church | 7.30 pm |
| 4 th November | Cake and Coffee | Black Torrington Chapel | 10am– Noon |
| 6 th November | Holy Communion with Blessing of Shoeboxes | Black Torrington Church | 11am |
| 12 th November | Saturday Church followed by Holy Communion | Bradford Village Hall | 10am |
| 13 th November | Remembrance Service Meet at War Memorial Service to follow in Church | Black Torrington | 10.50am |
| 13 th November | Remembrance Service | Bradford Church | 10.50am |
| 13 th November | Remembrance Service | Woodacott Chapel Thornbury | 10.50am |
| 13 th November | Holy Communion | Highampton Church | 6.30pm |

Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. St Mary's Church will be a collection point 1st-18th November for shoeboxes. For further details www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

BRADWORTHY, SUTCOMBE, PUTFORD, ABBOTS BICKINGTON, BULKWORTHY & MILTON DAMEREL

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| 8 th November | Monthly coffee morning/jumble sale | Bradworthy Church | 10am |
| 11 th November | Remembrance Service | Milton Damerel | 10.50am |
| 13 th November | Remembrance Service | Sutcombe | 9.30am |
| | Remembrance Service | Bradworthy War Memorial | 10.50am |
| | Remembrance Service | Putford | 2.30pm |

BRIDGERULE, HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY, PANCRASWEEK & PYWORTHY

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| 30 th October | Benefice Service | Holsworthy Church | 10am |
| 1 st November | All Souls & All Saints Service | Pyworthy Church | 7pm |
| 2 nd November | All Souls & All Saints Service | Hollacombe Church | 7pm |
| 11 th November | Village Act of Remembrance | Pyworthy War Memorial | 10.50am |
| 11 th November | Armistice Service | Holsworthy Square | 11am |
| 13 th November | Remembrance Service | Anvil Corner | 11.30am |
| 13 th November | Parade and Remembrance Service | Holsworthy War Memorial Holsworthy Church | 2.30pm 3pm |
| 26 th November | Pyworthy Village Christmas Fayre 10.30-12.30 | Pyworthy Village Hall | 10.30am |
| 7 th December | Coffee Morning with stalls and raffle In aid of Holsworthy Church | Holsworthy Memorial Hall | 9.30am |

For further information regarding any of the above items and the submission of future notices, please contact your local benefice correspondent below. All copy to be received by the 20th of the month please.

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