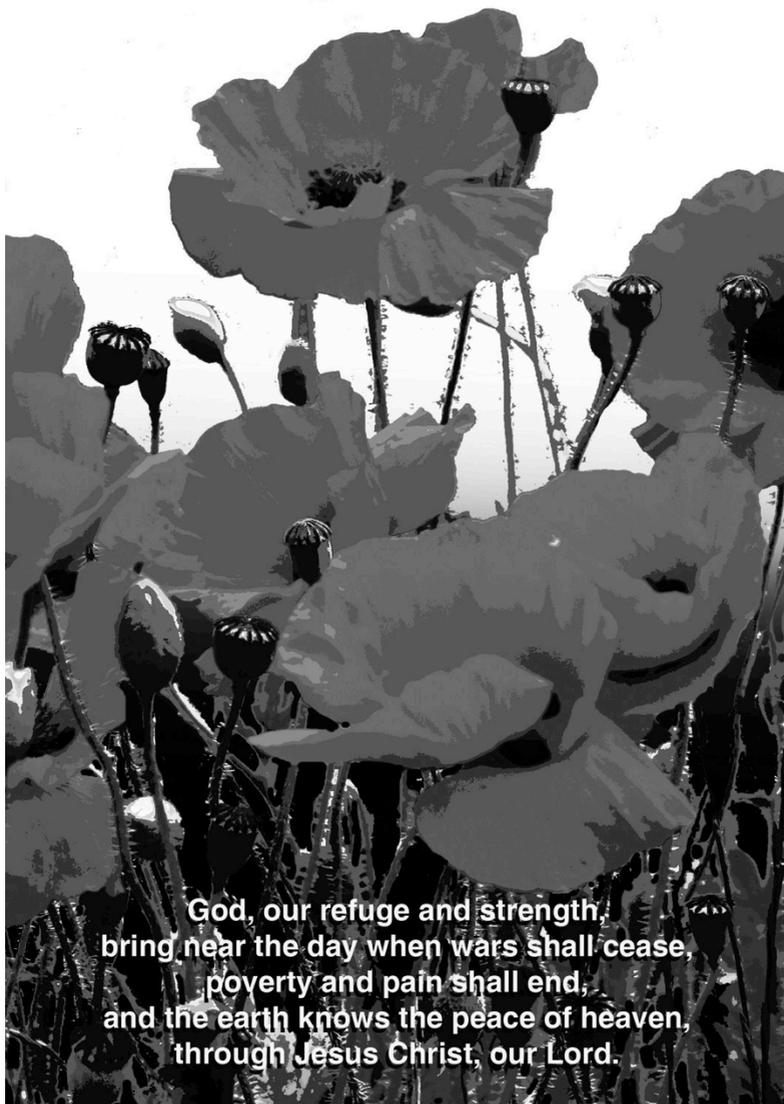


Parish Magazine

October - November 2016

**For the Parishes of the United Benefice of
Holsworthy, Hollacombe, Pyworthy,
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*Holsworthy & Pyworthy Churches are usually open every day.
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October Issue - Unfortunately the gremlins crept into our computer and prevented us from producing an October edition on time. Eventually we got the computer working but then we had to hold on for our Rector's news, which is extra important this month. Apologies to our readers, contributors and advertisers.

If you have anything you would like to be considered for publication in our magazine please give it to the editor by the 20th of the preceding month. It can be sent electronically or hand written. Our printer in Bude can usually reproduce photographs to a reasonable standard. If you want any hard copy or pictures returned please ensure your name and address is on the back.

This magazine is produced for the churches of St. Bridget's, Bridgerule; St. Peter and St. Paul Holsworthy; St. Petroc, Hollacombe; St. Pancras, Pancrasweek; St. Swithun, Pyworthy and is the only publication promoting the views and vision of the benefice.

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From the Rectory...

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

News From The Parishes In Our Benefice

St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy

Our church has been full of harvest festival this year. First of all we made the church available to our friends from Hollacombe on September 11th so that they could hold their harvest festival whilst their own church was not available due the roof repair work that has been taking place.



Photo - Roger Young

Finally, on Sunday September 25th it was the Holsworthy Parish Church Harvest Festival. This service started an hour later than the normal Sunday service time so that we could follow it with a Harvest ploughman's lunch with an optional

Next it was the turn of Holsworthy Primary School on September 23rd when the whole school attended, they filled the church and played an active part in the service.

The service included the opportunity for the children to take their generous gifts up to the altar, we enjoyed some tuneful signing and some of the pupils read prayers that they had prepared. It was good to also see so many parents and relatives and friends there supporting the children.

sweet. A variety of drinks were available with tea and coffee to finish. Well done to all those who contributed in any way to make the day so successful. Particular mention should go to those who produced the lovely flower displays, the wonderful lunch we enjoyed and good company.

Special thanks too must go to Margaret Stacey who despite not being 100% fit on the day still turned up to play for us. This was very much appreciated.

The photograph shows Father Christopher with Yvonne Lowe and some of the many Harvest gifts from Holsworthy Primary School pupils and from our own congregation. Landsdowne Bakery, Bude, kindly donated the Harvest Loaf. As much of the food donations as appropriate was offered to the Holsworthy Food Bank.



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Coffee Morning in aid of Holsworthy Church



Kath Durling is organising a coffee morning for Holsworthy church on
Wednesday 7th December.
Holsworthy Memorial Hall 9am-12.

Donations of Items for Tombola, Cake stall, raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

December 11th 6.00 pm
Holsworthy Parish Church Civic Carol Service.

December 15th 1.30 pm
Holsworthy Primary School Carols and Christingle

Holsworthy Church Heating by Bob Beckford, Churchwarden.

You are probably aware of the fact that our oil tank has developed a split and will therefore have to be replaced. This is going to be costly but is essential if we are to be a warm welcoming church.

We have been looking for grants to help fund the replacement but sadly nothing is available. We will have to dip into our reserves to fund this work so any extra we can raise will be very helpful.

Unfortunately the job of replacing the tank is not quite so simple as just taking out the old tank and replacing it with a new one. Since our tank was installed,

over ten years ago, there have been several changes in regulations that now prevent us from doing a simple straight replacement. Believe it or not our church is classed as commercial premises and the rules and regulations for commercial premises are far more rigorous than those of a domestic installation. This impacts on what type of tank we can use and where it can be placed. The existing oil tank is raised up on a concrete base close to the chancel windows. We have several problems here. Firstly, we are no longer allowed to have the tank by a window. Secondly, the concrete base is not wide or long enough and the tank itself is single skin plastic. The other annoying thing we have discovered is that the offset filling pipework that starts about halfway along the church is now the wrong size and does not have the anti flow back equipment on it that is now required.

Since April we have invited six contractors to look at the job and offer solutions that would be compliant. Of those six we have been visited by five contractors and of those five two have submitted quotations. We have now chosen a contractor and submitted an application to the Archdeacon for permission to carry out the work, but annoyingly we have also had to apply for Full Planning Permission. The Planning Department at Torridge District Council tried hard to see if there was some way around the need to seek permission but alas we have to do it. Interestingly this work would be classed as Permitted Development if it was for a domestic installation and we would not have to apply for Planning Permission.

We have some oil left, about a quarter tank so we can use the heating system but we are going to have to use it carefully. Our oil suppliers have topped it up but now that they have reported the split they are not legally allowed to fill it again. As soon as we get the required permissions we will go ahead with the work. In the meantime please accept our apologies if the church is colder than usual and do make sure you wrap up well if it is a cold day.

Operation Christmas Child asks for one million shoeboxes

This year Operation Christmas Child UK hopes to send one million shoeboxes to needy children in developing countries.

The vision of Operation Christmas Child remains so simple: “a Christmas shoebox gift is a ‘treasure chest’ for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift. Last year, people across the UK set 900,008 shoeboxes to 14 different countries. They played a key part in over 11 million children globally experiencing God’s unconditional love through a simple gift. Thank you!”

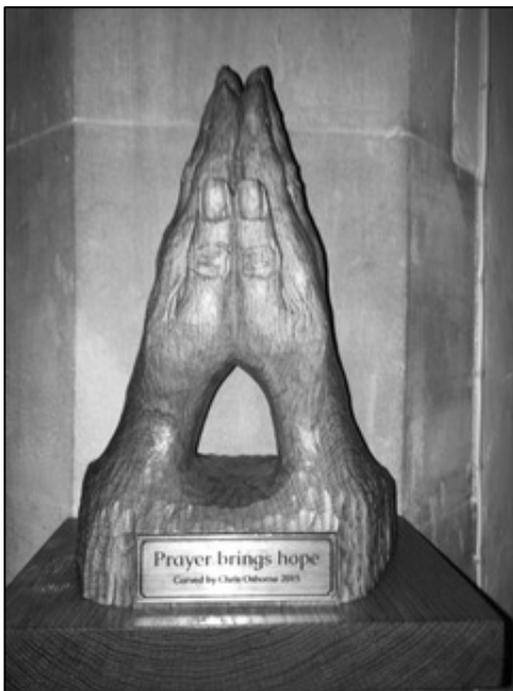
We hope that as a church we can send some shoeboxes to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. We need clean new shoeboxes with separate lid, new tubes of toothpaste, single wrapped soaps, new flannels, combs, toothbrushes, pens, colouring pencils, small notebooks and above all donations to cover the cost of sending them abroad, each box costs £3 to send. If you could drop an item or better still a £1 or more into the box at back of church it would be appreciated.

We have to send these boxes away on 18th November so if we could have you're your donations by Sunday 13th November it will give us time to send these gifts on their way. Thanks for your help.

Any Questions see Sue Bumby or Mary Beckford

A Beautiful New Carving

Close to the pulpit in an area dedicated for quiet prayer you will see a brand new carving from parishioner Chris Osborne. Chris offered the carving to the church free of charge at a time when we were seeking to give our personal prayer area more visual impact. For those of you who are not worshippers at Holsworthy you may not be aware that we have a 'prayer pool', this is a dish of water that parishioners and visitors to the church are invited to pray beside and to drop a pebble into the pool when they pray.



On a Wednesday morning these 'prayer pebbles' are blessed by the priest leading the said Eucharist service. This lovely oak carving will provide a focus above the prayer pool. Inside the carving is a time capsule of information about various people in and around the town. Thank you to Chris Osborne.

Prayer Brings Hope

St. Petroc, Hollacombe by Margaret Stacey

Due to the need for a temporary closure of St Petroc Church, Hollacombe because of the ongoing roof repair work our first service for September was held in SS Peter and Paul, evensong, led in the singing by the choir and also in attendance was Graham Tucker as crucifer.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong was also held at SS Peter and Paul on 11th September. We were delighted to welcome Fr. David Gunn Johnson (former Archdeacon of Barnstaple) as our guest preacher who also led the service. Our own Rector, Fr. Christopher, led the intercessions and the Blessing. The SS Peter and Paul choir led the singing and the crucifer; Mr. G. Tucker was also present. There was a goodly number in the congregation who then enjoyed the pasty and cider supper and auction of produce.

Fr. David spoke of his long association with Hollacombe Church and his fond memories of serving us over the years and the ways 'Harvests' had evolved over time. Hollacombe Church would like to thank the Churchwardens, Choir and Crucifer and everyone at SS Peter and Paul for their help at this difficult time during our repair work, which has not quite gone according to plan. We do so hope to be back at Hollacombe as soon as possible. In the mean time.....Many many Thanks.

Update - The scaffolding is coming down, the builders have done a tidy up and 'the church work force' will get to work as soon as possible in the next few days to restore our church to its usual style. All being well, the usual All Souls Day service will take place on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm, PLEASE just verify the time with the service rota which you should find in this magazine. Hopefully we are then back 'to normal' with Evensong at 3pm on the 1st Sunday in the month and Holy Communion (BCP) at 9am on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

Therefore, dates for your diaries

Weds 2nd Nov 7pm. Remember and light a candle for those who have gone before.

Sun 6th Nov 3pm Evensong.

Sun 20th Nov 9am Holy Communion

Sun 4th Dec 3pm Evensong

Sun 18th Dec 9am Holy Communion

Weds 28th Dec 3pm Traditional Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments.

Our thanks to everyone who has helped, prayed, donated and thought of us during the last few months whilst the work was being carried out. Hopefully we are back in harness and like Phoenix, risen again from the ashes.

St. Swithun, Pyworthy by Liffy Lowes

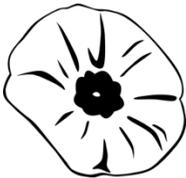
COMMEMORATION of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

A special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who have been bereaved will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at St Swithun's Church, Pyworthy.

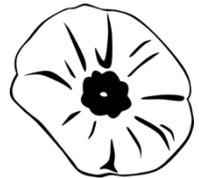
During this service, the departed will be remembered by name and candles will be lit as a symbol of hope.

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Fr. Christopher

From The Parish Pump – General News

Most popular songs for funerals

It seems that pop songs have overtaken hymns as the music of choice for funerals. So says a report recently published by undertakers. Frank Sinatra's My Way tops the list of popular songs as it becomes less common for mourners to sing hymns. The study among 300 Co-op funeral directors and 2,000 adults also found The Lord Is My Shepherd, Abide With Me and All Things Bright And Beautiful remain frequent choices.

Increase in ministry numbers is necessary and achievable, report shows

Dioceses are responding to the call to work towards a 50% increase in candidates for ordination, with new posts and new procedures.

A review of numbers in ordained ministry over the last 67 years shows that the 50% increase in candidates for ministry by 2020 agreed by the General Synod in February, 2015, is needed to stabilise and increase the numbers ministering in parishes, chaplaincies and new forms of church.

The Church of England is seeking to increase by half the numbers training for ordained ministry and to sustain those numbers for a decade: an increase from about 500 to 750 by 2020. At the same time, the Church is also seeking greater diversity among those training for ministry. This will better reflect the communities where the Church is working, in terms of age, gender and ethnic and social background.

Encouraging more young men and, especially, young women, as well as more Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) worshippers to consider ordination will help the Church of England hit its aspiration of an extra 50% new clergy each year, according to a recent report on ordained vocations statistics.

The statistical review shows that, while similar numbers of men and women are being recommended for ordination training each year, women are testing their vocations at a later age and tend to retire sooner than the men. Currently, women recommended for training are, on average, significantly older than the men recommended. The majority of younger paid clergy are men, while, among older clergy, more are women. The Church is encouraging women to test their vocations younger.

The projections illustrate a steady decline in the total pool of clergy if the current trends in ordinations and retirements continue.

Currently, around 500 candidates for ordained ministry are recommended for training each year. By 2020, it is hoped to increase this number to around 750.

How deprived is our neighbourhood?

Have you ever wondered about where we live; whether or not this is actually a deprived area; and how it relates to neighbourhoods across the country?

(Outside major urban areas, it seems that the hotspots of deprivation in England are towns around the coast.)

In any case, the Church Urban Fund (CUF) poverty lookup tool is an online database that provides Church of England parishes, charities and anyone concerned about levels of poverty with a range of deprivation indicators for their area. Visit **poverty-lookup.org.uk** .

Reflecting the complex and comparative nature of poverty, the tool compares each deprivation indicator not only with national levels but also with more local levels within dioceses. More information at **www.cuf.org.uk**

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The United Churches of Holsworthy Benefice November 2016 Services

November Day & Date	Holsworthy	Hollacombe	Pyworthy	Bridgerule	Pancrasweek	Notes
Tue 1st All Saints Day			7.00 pm Benefice All Souls / Saints service			
Wed 2nd All Souls' Day	12.00 noon Holy Communion	7.00 pm Benefice All Souls / Saints service				
Sun 5th 3rd Sunday before Advent	10.00 am Holy Communion	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service	11.15 am Holy Communion		
Wed 9th	12.00 noon Holy Communion					
Fri 11th	11.00 am Armistice Service		10.45am Armistice Service			Holsworthy Square
Sun 13th Remembrance Sunday	10.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Remembrance **	11.30 am Remembrance at Anvil Corner	9.00 am Holy Communion / Remembrance	11.15 am Morning Prayer / Remembrance		** at St. Peter & St. Paul's church
Wed 16th	12.00 noon Holy Communion					
Sun 20th Christ the King	10.00 am Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.15 am Holy Communion		Coffee Served after 10.00 service.
Sunday 20th 7.00 pm (Ashwater)	Deanery Confirmation Service					
Wed 23rd	12.00 noon Holy Communion					
Sun 27th 1st Sunday of Advent	8.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.00 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Family Service	11.15am Holy Communion	
Wed 30th	12.00 noon Holy Communion					

Services during the week –

Morning Prayer is celebrated at 8.00am on the following days,
Monday and Wednesday at St. Swithun, Pyworthy,
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy
Please check the website for any last minute changes.

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THE HOLSWORTHY BELLS & CARILLON (Continued)

In my last article I promised to search for the press cuttings I had on our magnificent bells, well I searched hard and I am pleased to say that I found them. You will find the style of writing rather different to that of today.

R. Chapman. Captain of the Tower

Western Times

3 December 1836

A new peal of eight bells from the celebrated bell foundry of Mr Thomas Mears, Whitechapel, London, has arrived here by the Thames, London trader of this port. They are for the tower at Holsworthy, in this county and will be set up by Mr John Barrett, church bell hanger of this city

Exeter & Plymouth Gazette

7 January 1837

The new peal of eight bells which were sent here a short time since, from the foundry of the renowned Mears of London, are now planted in the Church, and the first peal will be rung at nine o'clock in the morning of the 19th instant, and those ringers who have been accustomed to ringing sets of 8 bells are to have the preference on the occasion.

Exeter Flying Post

26 January 1837

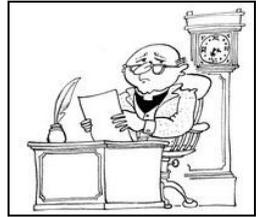
On Thursday last, being the day appointed for ringing the maiden peal, on the new peal of eight bell in the Tower of Holsworthy, numbers of people came from all quarters to hear them, and the town about 11 o'clock in the forenoon became quite animated.

There were no less than ninety ringers from different parishes who enrolled their names to try their dexterity on these musical bells. The first that entered the tower were Stoke Climsland men, from Cornwall, but from circumstances which attend the hinging of a new set of bells, on the first peal they did not show off with the éclat as the hears expected, but their next and second peal was much better. The next set that entered were Lifton men, their Pricker, and Mr Bush, their Umpire, who made such harmony that quite enchanted the hearers. Too much cannot be said of their work. It was clock work as to the regularity and fullness of tone brought from these musical and delightful bells, having rung two peals the adjoining parishes of Holsworthy next took their turn, consisting four, five and six bell men, who all tried to outvie each other at their work. They having gone through their peals – the Stoke men again took the ropes, and made such a peal they proved themselves quite masters of their work, then Lifton men took their turn, and done beautifully. The town was quite a scene of gaity.

Dinners were provided at different Inns, and had what is termed an excellent day, everything was carried on as to the ringing with great order, and the day passed off without the least disturbance. The stoke men did not leave till the next day evening, and gave the inhabitants some merry peals during the day. The ringers one and all gave great credit for the manner in which those bells were hung, which was by Mr John Barrett of Exeter, bell hanger to Messrs Mears, the founders. The bells are most musical of exact time and full metal, and have a beautiful effect, and too much cannot be said of the founders.

November 2016 - Letter from St. James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St. James-the-Least in the county of C..... for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



On working with young people

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum.

Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service - whose sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily become a teenage pyromaniac.

I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge - a past-time still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St. Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our Verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ. You must worship God in your way, and I in His.
Your loving uncle,

Eustace

All in the Month of November

It was:

90 years ago:- on 11th Nov 1926 that Route 66 was established in the USA. It was one of the most famous highways in the country and was celebrated in popular culture.

80 years ago:- on 2nd Nov 1936 that the BBC Television Service was launched in the UK.

70 years ago:- on 1st Nov 1946 that Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) was ordained a priest in Krakow, Poland.

60 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1956 that the first Premium Bond was sold in Britain (to the Lord Mayor of London).

30 years ago:- on 6th Nov 1986 that Alex Ferguson was appointed manager of Manchester United FC.

25 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, Czech-born British

newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, died. His body was found in the sea near his boat, off the coast of Tenerife.

Also 25 years ago:- on 18th Nov 1991 that C of E envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in London after being held hostage since Jan 1987 and Jun 1985 respectively.

20 years ago:- on 12th Nov 1996 that the European Court of Justice ordered Britain to comply with the EU mandate of a maximum 48-hour working week.

Also 20 years ago:- on 15th Nov 1996 that England handed the Stone of Scone back to Scotland after 700 years.

15 years ago:- on 16th Nov 2001 that the first Harry Potter film, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was released.

10 years ago:- on 5th Nov 2006 that Saddam Hussein, the former President of Iraq, was sentenced to death for his role in the massacre of 148 Iraqi Shi'ites in 1982. (He was executed on 30th Dec)Some October High Days and Holy Days

Some of the High Days and Holy Days in November

1st All Saints Day - the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection. 1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

2nd All Souls' Day - a time of reckoning with the past

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through

purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London. In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

5th Guy Fawkes – an early terrorist

Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James I of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found - and stopped - in time.

30th Andrew - first disciple of Jesus

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30th November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.

The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could

come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered. The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing - for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

Holsworthy Connect an update from Jonathan Schnarr



Hello and Welcome to the New School Year!

It is exciting to write to you in the new school year 2016/2017! New Year 6 have entered the school, the uniform has changed, new teachers are teaching and I have a new timetable too. I am really looking forward to this year, trusting in God's provision, his strength and love.

I want to thank you for all your support, your invested time, your financial giving and of course your immensely important prayers: THANK YOU!

My summer has been really good and relaxing. I went to New Wine, Soul Survivor and had a couple of Youth activities, but I also enjoyed some time off in Cornwall and back in Germany. Now I am ready to dive back into youth work in Holsworthy, lead Rock Solid, support students in the school, teach RE and talk in different churches.

I am also in my last year of the degree in Applied Theology, which means lots more assignments, presentations and study hours... :)

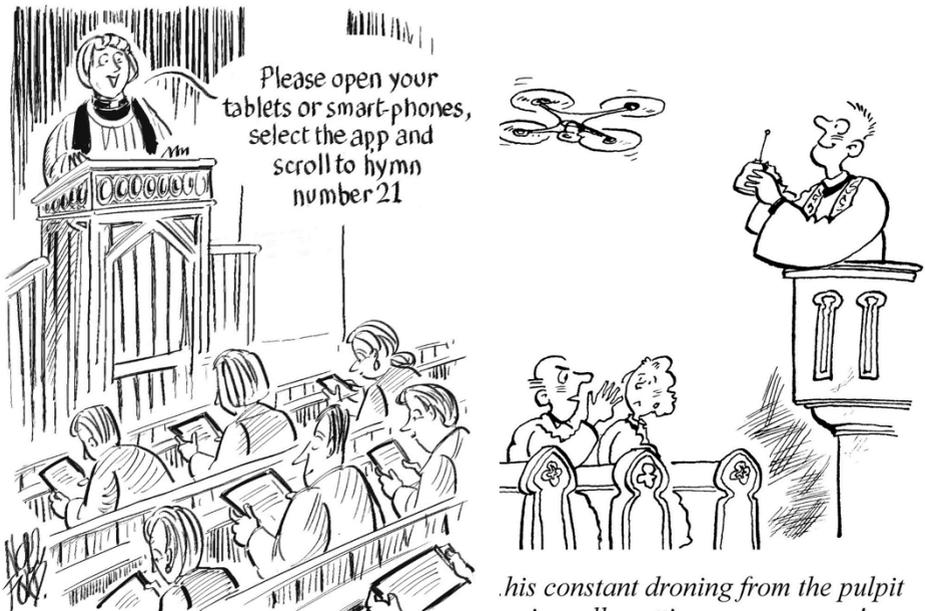
As you probably know, we were looking for a second Connect worker in Holsworthy. We had a few interested applicants, but we were not able to recruit anyone. Can we ask you to continue to pray for more practical support in Holsworthy, as it is so much easier to work in the school and the youth clubs as a team. We know that there are many young people who long to have meaningful relationships and someone they can rely on: We are trusting God that he will provide the workers who will continue to support students and teachers in the schools around Devon.

Your prayer is essential for the success of the work done in Holsworthy and its area!

Please pray for

- *More support and more volunteers to come into the school and support both Jonathan, the students and staff*
- *A new Club in the school to reach students and build more relationships*
- *Opportunities to speak in Assemblies and lessons about God and his love*
- *Perseverance and strength for Jonathan in his last Year of the degree*
- *Young people at Rock Solid, the monthly youth discipleship group in Chilsworthy*

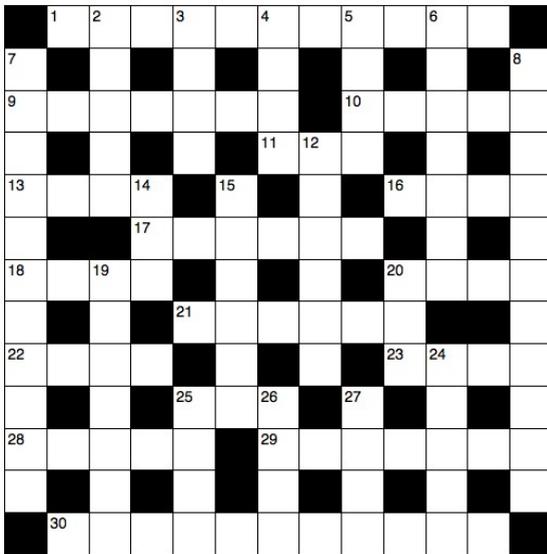
Shalom - Jonathan



Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny

The Puzzle Pages

November 2016 Crossword



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
 13 Taverns (4)
 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
 17 'He will not always —, nor

will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)

18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)

20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)

21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)

22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)

23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)

25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

28 Annie (anag.) (5)

29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)

30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)

3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)

4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)

5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)

6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)

- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

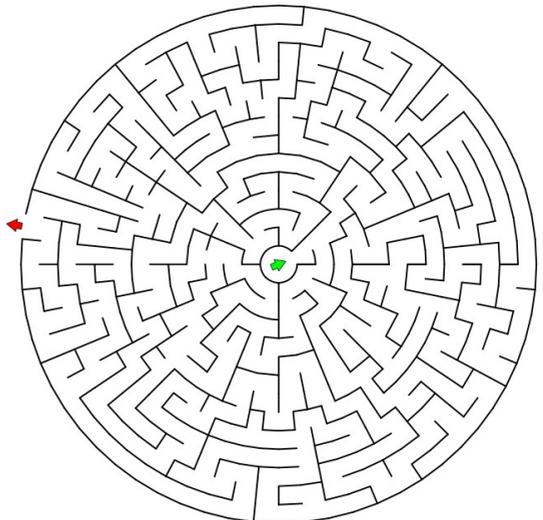
November 2016 Sudoku

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November 2016 Maze

Start at the centre and out on the left



Solution to the September 2015 Crossword and Sudoku

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Smile Lines

And Finally - Margaret Stacey has passed on this piece of useful advice.

(Source unknown)

Four worms and a lesson to be learned!!

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The First worm in alcohol . . . Dead!

The Second worm in cigarette smoke . . . Dead!

Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . Dead!

Fourth worm in good clean soil. . . **Alive!!**

So the Minister asked the congregation;

"So, my friends? What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said . . .

"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

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