

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages
of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

Either Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those
who love her, and is found by those
who seek her. She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire
her. One who rises early to seek
her will have no difficulty, for she
will be found sitting at the gate. To
fix one's thought on her is perfect
understanding, and one who is
vigilant on her account will soon
be free from care, because she goes
about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in
their paths, and meets them in every
thought.

Or Amos 5:18-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.
Alas for you who desire the day of the
LORD! Why do you want the day of
the LORD? It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and
was met by a bear; or went into the
house and rested a hand against the
wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. Even though you offer
me your burnt-offerings and grain-
offerings, I will not accept them; and

the offerings of well-being of your
fatted animals I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody
of your harps. But let justice roll down
like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

PSALM Psalm 70

R Come to me quickly, O God.

O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.
Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame. *R*

But let all who seek you rejoice and be
glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say
always, "Great is the Lord."
As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay. *R*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. For this
we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will
by no means precede those who have
died. For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air; and

so we will be with the Lord for ever.
Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the
disciples: "The kingdom of heaven
will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. When
the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. As
the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. But
at midnight there was a shout, 'Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids
got up and trimmed their lamps. The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.' And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went
with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut. Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord,
lord, open to us.' But he replied,
'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the
kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness
of life:
look with compassion on the anguish
of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.



Come to me quick-ly, O God.

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Services for the week:

TODAY:

Morning Prayer	Bridgerule	11.15 am
Remembrance service	Anvil Corner	11.30/12 noon
Parade and Wreath Laying	Holworthy (Square & War Memorial)	2.00pm
Royal British Legion Remembrance Service	Chapel, Bodmin Street	3.00 pm

SUNDAY 19th:

Holy Communion (SW)	Hollacombe	9.00 am
Morning Prayer (LT)	Pyworthy	9.30 am
Holy Communion	Holworthy	10.00 am
Holy Communion	Bridgerule	11.15 am

Licensing service and reception

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped in any way with the service and reception on Monday 6th especially from Mother Elizabeth; "it was a wonderful spirit filled welcome, thank you all". There have been lots of compliments for all aspects of the service, for the food and at the reception and for all the help with the buffet.

Mission Community Prayer

Copies of the new Mission Community Prayer now have been printed. They are available for you to take away on the table with the Benefice magazine.

Gluten Free

Gluten free wafers are available. To indicate that you would like a gluten free wafer, please take a green card from bowl on the desk by the hymn books, and show it to the priest when you come up to the altar rail. Please put the card back before you leave the church.

Coffee Morning, Wednesday 6th December, Memorial Hall

Please come and support this and encourage other people to come too. And if you can, please help by giving Tombola prizes which could be confectionary, tins, perfume, biscuits, bubble bath, shower gel, - in other words almost anything. Last time that stall made well over £100 but we need lots of items please. Also raffle prizes and items for the Cake and Produce stall.

Augmented Choir for Town Carol Service, Sunday 10th December

We are always very appreciative of everyone who volunteers to sing in the choir for the Carol Service. Your efforts are much appreciated and form an essential part of our celebration. If you are able to take part this year, please sign the list at the back of the church.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 th November	Holworthy PCC	church	2.00 pm
Friday 17 th November	Butterfly Club	Long House	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Saturday 18 th November	Holworthy Carnival		evening
Friday 1 st December	Christmas switch-on	Holworthy	evening
Sunday 3 rd December	Said Eucharist	Holworthy	10.00 am
Sunday 3 rd December	Deanery Confirmation service	Thornbury	11.00 am
Wednesday 6 th December	Church coffee morning	Memorial Hall	9.30am – 12 noon
Sunday 10 th December	Town Carol Service	church	6.00 pm
Monday 11 th December	Carols for Deer Park	Deer Park	3.00 pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Carols for Bodmeyrick	Bodmeyrick	3.00 pm
Friday 15 th December	Primary School Christingle service	church (date to be confirmed)	9.30 am
Friday 15 th December	Butterfly Club	Long House	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 24 th December	Carols round the tree	Holworthy Square	4.00 pm