

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8. [9-11]. 12 (or 90:1-8)

R O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are
God. *R*

You turn us back to dust and say:
"Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are
but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. *R*

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and
withered. *R*

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. *R*

[When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are three score years and
ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and
sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone. *R*

Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear
you?]
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *R*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

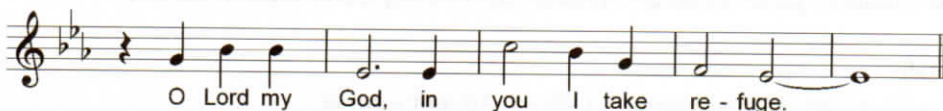
GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Holsworthy Benefice

Holsworthy, Bridgerule, Hollacombe and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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SUNDAY 26th November, Christ the King

Holy Communion (SW)	Pyworthy	9.30 am
Morning Prayer (DA)	Holsworthy	10.00 am
Holy Communion (SW)	Pancrasweek	11.15 am
Family Service	Bridgerule	11.15 am

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 by **1st December**. 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.

Heating System

During the week we've had to have some emergency repairs on the heating system. The cost of this is going to be around £1000. If you are able, please make a donation to help cover this unexpected cost. We will be taking an additional collection for this during the last hymn today and next week. Or you can give a donation to either of the churchwardens or treasurer. Please don't forget to gift aid if you pay tax.

Christmas Lights Switch On

We are going to have a stall with guess the square to win a deluxe hamper. There is a list at the back of church of the food and drink we need for this hamper. Please take a look and if you are able please cross off what you would like to donate and give it to Mary Beckford by Wednesday 29th November.

Installation of the new Dean of Exeter Cathedral

The Feast of Christ the King at the end of this month sees the installation of Fr Jonathan Greener as 71st Dean of the Cathedral. All are invited to go to the service and please do pray for Fr Jonathan and the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. The service is on Sunday 26th November at 2.30 pm. For the last ten years Fr Jonathan has been Dean of Wakefield Cathedral. The Cathedral is our Mother Church so please do go if at all possible.

Mid Week Holy Communion

We are going to restart the midweek Eucharist on Fridays at 11 am from 1st December. There will be refreshments afterwards and during Advent this will be followed by an Advent course.

Advent Course

An Advent course will be running on Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December after the 11 am Eucharist. We will start with refreshments and it will last about an hour and a quarter. Please do bring warm coats and blankets! If you can't make them all pop in for the ones you can.

Lay Worship Leaders

Across the Mission Community there is a need for lay worship leaders. There is going to be a short training course which consists of one midweek evening and the following Saturday morning. Places on this is limited to six. If this is found to be helpful the course will be run again. The initial course is going to be 7.30 pm Thursday 18th and 9.30 pm Saturday 20th January. Anybody interested in becoming part of the lay worship leaders team at Holsworthy please speak with Mother Elizabeth.

Dates for your Diary

Sun 26th Nov 2.30 pm Installation of the 71st Dean - Exeter Cathedral

Fri 1st Dec 11.00 am Said Holy Communion, 11.30 am Refreshments, 11.45 am Advent Course

7.00 pm Christmas Lights Switch on

Sun 3rd Dec 10 am Said Eucharist for those unable to go to 11.00 am Mission Community Confirmation Service - Thornbury

Wed 6th Dec Coffee Morning - Memorial Hall

Fri 8th Dec 11.00 am Said Holy Communion, 11.30 am Refreshments, 11.45 am Advent Course

Sat 9th Dec 7.00 pm Light up a Life, Bodmin Street Chapel

Sun 10th Dec 6.00pm Town Carol Service - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols