

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious  
majesty to judge the living and the  
dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

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

O that you would tear open the heavens  
and come down, so that the mountains  
would quake at your presence – as  
when fire kindles brushwood and the  
fire causes water to boil – to make your  
name known to your adversaries, so  
that the nations might tremble at your  
presence! When you did awesome  
deeds that we did not expect, you came  
down, the mountains quaked at your  
presence. From ages past no one has  
heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has  
seen any God besides you, who works  
for those who wait for him. You meet  
those who gladly do right, those who  
remember you in your ways. But you  
were angry, and we sinned; because  
you hid yourself we transgressed. We  
have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a  
filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and  
our iniquities, like the wind, take us  
away. There is no one who calls on your  
name, or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of  
our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our  
Father; we are the clay, and you are our  
potter; we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

### PSALM Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20 (or 80:1-8)

*R Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance, and  
we shall be saved.*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock;  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned  
upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and  
Manasseh.

Stir up your mighty strength  
and come to our salvation. *R*

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your  
people's prayer?  
You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to  
drink.  
You have made us the derision of our  
neighbours  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *R*

Let your hand be upon the man at your  
right hand,  
the son of man you made so strong for  
yourself.  
And so will we not go back from you;  
give us life, and we shall call upon your  
name. *R*

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the  
Corinthians.*

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you  
and peace from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to  
my God always for you because of the  
grace of God that has been given you  
in Christ Jesus, for in every way you  
have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind – just  
as the testimony of Christ has been  
strengthened among you – so that you  
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as  
you wait for the revealing of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you  
to the end, so that you may be blameless  
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God  
is faithful; by him you were called into  
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

### GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those  
days, after that suffering, the sun will be  
darkened, and the moon will not give its  
light, and the stars will be falling from  
heaven, and the powers in the heavens  
will be shaken. Then they will see 'the  
Son of Man coming in clouds' with great  
power and glory. Then he will send out  
the angels, and gather his elect from the  
four winds, from the ends of the earth  
to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree  
learn its lesson: as soon as its branch  
becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,  
you know that summer is near. So also,  
when you see these things taking place,  
you know that he is near, at the very  
gates. Truly I tell you, this generation  
will not pass away until all these things  
have taken place. Heaven and earth will  
pass away, but my words will not pass  
away. But about that day or hour no one  
knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor  
the Son, but only the Father. Beware,  
keep alert; for you do not know when  
the time will come. It is like a man going  
on a journey, when he leaves home and  
puts his slaves in charge, each with his  
work, and commands the doorkeeper to  
be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake  
– for you do not know when the master  
of the house will come, in the evening,  
or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at  
dawn, or else he may find you asleep  
when he comes suddenly. And what I  
say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

### POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Holsworthy Benefice

Holsworthy, Bridgerule, Hollacombe and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

Priest in Charge: Mother Elizabeth Burke

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<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11.00 am
	followed by Advent course	
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December, Advent 2</b>		
Holy Communion (Said)	Pyworthy	9.00 am
Holy Communion	Holsworthy	10.00 am
Christingle	Bridgerule	11.15 am
Town Carol Service	Holsworthy	6.00 pm

### Coffee Morning, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Memorial Hall

Please come and support this and encourage other people to come too. Please help by giving raffle prizes and items for the Cake and Produce stall.

### Augmented Choir for Town Carol Service, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. It's not too late to join the choir for this year; the last rehearsal is 7.00 pm in church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### Light up a Life

Service on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 pm, at Bodmin Street Chapel. Everyone welcome.

### Service Pattern from January - Consultation

Four possible patterns of services for the benefice are displayed on a board at the back of the church. Please do have a look at these, pray about them, think about them, and then, by 10<sup>th</sup> December, let any member of the PCC know which you would prefer and also any observations you may like to make about the patterns.

### Mid Week Holy Communion

Throughout December there will be a Eucharist here on Fridays at 11 am. There will be refreshments afterwards and **during Advent** this will be followed by an Advent course which will last about an hour and a quarter. Everyone welcome. Please do bring warm coats and blankets! If you can't make all the sessions, pop in for the ones you can.

### Lay Worship Leaders

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

### Christmas Carol Concert at Pyworthy

St Swithun's Church, Pyworthy, at 7.30 pm on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, featuring the Derriton Singers. Proceeds to Children's Hospice South West. Everyone welcome.

### Audrey Edmonds' Funeral

Please note that this will be on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am at Barnstaple Crematorium **NOT** at 10.30 am at Bodmin as previously arranged.