

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 who wonderfully created us in your
 own image
 and yet more wonderfully restored
 us
 through your Son Jesus Christ:
 grant that, as he came to share in our
 humanity,
 so we may share the life of his
 divinity;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my
 God; for he has clothed me with the
 garments of salvation, he has covered
 me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with
 a garland, and as a bride adorns
 herself with her jewels. For as the
 earth brings forth its shoots, and as
 a garden causes what is sown in it
 to spring up, so the Lord GOD will
 cause righteousness and praise to
 spring up before all the nations. For
 Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and
 for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
 until her vindication shines out like
 the dawn, and her salvation like a
 burning torch. The nations shall see
 your vindication, and all the kings
 your glory; and you shall be called
 by a new name that the mouth of the
 LORD will give. You shall be a crown
 of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of
 your God.

PSALM Psalm 148
(or 148:7-end)

*R Praise, O praise the name of the
 Lord.*

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights.
 Praise him, all you his angels;
 praise him, all his host. **R**

Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you stars of light.
 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the
 heavens. **R**

Let them praise the name of the
 Lord;
 for he commanded and they were
 created.
 He made them fast for ever and
 ever;
 he gave them a law which shall not
 pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps;
 Fire and hail, snow and mist,
 tempestuous wind, fulfilling his
 word;
 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;
 Wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and birds on the
 wing; **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and women,
 old and young together;
 let them praise the name of the Lord.
R

For his name only is exalted,
 his splendour above earth and
 heaven.
 He has raised up the horn of his
 people
 and praise for all his faithful
 servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who
 are near him.
 Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
 Galatians.*

When the fullness of time had come,

God sent his Son, born of a woman,
 born under the law, in order to
 redeem those who were under the law,
 so that we might receive adoption
 as children. And because you are
 children, God has sent the Spirit
 of his Son into our hearts, crying,
 "Abba! Father!" So you are no
 longer a slave but a child, and if a
 child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

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

When the angels had left them and
 gone into heaven, the shepherds
 said to one another, "Let us go now
 to Bethlehem and see this thing that
 has taken place, which the Lord
 has made known to us." So they
 went with haste and found Mary
 and Joseph, and the child lying in
 the manger. When they saw this,
 they made known what had been
 told them about this child; and
 all who heard it were amazed at
 what the shepherds told them. But
 Mary treasured all these words and
 pondered them in her heart. The
 shepherds returned, glorifying and
 praising God for all they had heard
 and seen, as it had been told them.
 After eight days had passed, it was
 time to circumcise the child; and he
 was called Jesus, the name given by
 the angel before he was conceived in
 the womb.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
 whose blessed Son shared at
 Nazareth the life of an earthly
 home:
 help your Church to live as one
 family,
 united in love and obedience,
 and bring us all at last to our home
 in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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SERVICES NEXT WEEK

MON 1st JAN	Benefice Holy Communion with Carols		
	NEW YEAR'S DAY followed by bring & share lunch	Holsworthy	11am
FRI 5th Jan	Said Holy Communion & Café	Holsworthy	11am
SAT 6th Jan	Benefice Sung Holy Communion for everyone		
EPIPHANY	do bring your nativity wise men to be blessed	Holsworthy	4pm
SUN 7th JAN	Sung Holy Communion	Holsworthy	9.30am
	Family Holy Communion	Bridgerule	11.15am
	Family Service	Pyworthy	11.15am
	Evensong	Hollacombe	3pm

Holsworthy Benefice Services JANUARY 2018

Date	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Mon 1 st Jan	<u>Holsworthy 11.00am</u> BENEFICE Holy Communion with Carols & Bring and Share lunch				
Sat 6 th Jan EPIPHANY	<u>Holsworthy 4.00pm</u> BENEFICE Holy Communion and Blessing of the Wise Men				
Sun 7 th Jan	11.15am Family Holy Communion	3.00pm Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Family Service (LT)
Sun 14 th Jan			9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Holy Communion
	<u>Pancrasweek 3.00pm</u> BENEFICE Service with blessing of Tractors and farm equipment				
Sun 21 st Jan	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.15am Morning Service (LT)
Sun 28 th Jan	11.15am Family Service (LT)		9.30am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Meditative Eucharist with Laying on of hands & anointing for healing	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Family Holy Communion

Thank you to all - what a great start to Christmastide. Thank you to all behind the scenes & out the front. From those who led the worship, cleaned or decorated the churches, accompanied us with music or sang, to those who ensured there was wine, wafers & candles.

Every Friday 11am Communion & 11.30 No cost Café. Social & community gathering. St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy. Everyone most welcome.

Epiphany Service - 6th Jan, 4pm, Holsworthy Parish Church - First of the new services to encourage those that go to church and those who have never been. For the young, old or in between. Jeans or Sunday best. Everyone welcome.

14th Jan 3pm, Pancrasweek Parish Church - Benefice Plough Sunday Service with refreshments afterwards. Bring your tractor or other farming equipment (part of!) to be blessed. NB No Morning Prayer at Bridgerule. An important service at the beginning of the agricultural year when we will pray for all in the farming industry.

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. The initial course is the evening of Thur 18th and the morning of Sat 20th January. Please speak with Mother Elizabeth if interested.

Servers – all churches

If anyone would like to come and learn how to serve the altar for the Eucharist on a Sunday you'd be most welcome - please contact Mother Elizabeth.