

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
 days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet
 without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our
 Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.
 God said to Noah and to his
 sons with him, "As for me, I am
 establishing my covenant with you
 and your descendants after you,
 and with every living creature that
 is with you, the birds, the domestic
 animals, and every animal of the
 earth with you, as many as came out
 of the ark. I establish my covenant
 with you, that never again shall all
 flesh be cut off by the waters of a
 flood, and never again shall there be
 a flood to destroy the earth." God
 said, "This is the sign of the covenant
 that I make between me and you and
 every living creature that is with you,
 for all future generations: I have set
 my bow in the clouds, and it shall be
 a sign of the covenant between me
 and the earth. When I bring clouds
 over the earth and the bow is seen
 in the clouds, I will remember my
 covenant that is between me and you
 and every living creature of all flesh;
 and the waters shall never again
 become a flood to destroy all flesh.
 When the bow is in the clouds, I will
 see it and remember the everlasting
 covenant between God and every
 living creature of all flesh that is on
 the earth." God said to Noah, "This
 is the sign of the covenant that I have
 established between me and all flesh
 that is on the earth."



PSALM Psalm 25:1-9

*R Remember, Lord, your compassion
 and love.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 O my God, in you I trust;
 let me not be put to shame;
 let not my enemies triumph over me.
 Let none who look to you be put to
 shame,
 but let the treacherous be shamed
 and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O
 Lord,
 and teach me your paths.
 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 for you have I hoped all the day long.
 Remember, Lord, your compassion
 and love, for they are from
 everlasting. **R**

Remember not the sins of my youth
 or my transgressions,
 but think on me in your goodness, O
 Lord,
 according to your steadfast love.
 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
 therefore shall he teach sinners in the
 way. **R**

He will guide the humble in doing
 right
 and teach his way to the lowly.
 All the paths of the Lord are mercy
 and truth
 to those who keep his covenant and
 his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.
 Christ also suffered for sins once for
 all, the righteous for the unrighteous,
 in order to bring you to God. He was
 put to death in the flesh, but made
 alive in the spirit, in which also he
 went and made a proclamation to the
 spirits in prison, who in former times
 did not obey, when God waited
 patiently in the days of Noah, during
 the building of the ark, in which a
 few, that is, eight persons, were

saved through water. And baptism,
 which this prefigured, now saves
 you – not as a removal of dirt from
 the body, but as an appeal to God
 for a good conscience, through the
 resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has
 gone into heaven and is at the right
 hand of God, with angels, authorities,
 and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from
 Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized
 by John in the Jordan. And just as he
 was coming up out of the water, he
 saw the heavens torn apart and the
 Spirit descending like a dove on him.
 And a voice came from heaven, "You
 are my Son, the Beloved; with you
 I am well pleased." And the Spirit
 immediately drove him out into the
 wilderness. He was in the wilderness
 forty days, tempted by Satan; and
 he was with the wild beasts; and the
 angels waited on him. Now after
 John was arrested, Jesus came to
 Galilee, proclaiming the good news
 of God, and saying, "The time is
 fulfilled, and the kingdom of God
 has come near; repent, and believe in
 the good news."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
 you have renewed us with the living
 bread from heaven;
 by it you nourish our faith,
 increase our hope,
 and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him
 who is the true and living bread,
 and enable us to live by every word
 that proceeds from out of your
 mouth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
18th February 2018 - First Sunday of Lent

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*A warm welcome to church today! If you have not been here before,
 please make yourself known to one of the team - you are very welcome.*

EVERY FRIDAY - 11am COMMUNION and 11.30 NO COST CAFÉ at Ss Peter & Paul, Holsworthy

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
2nd Sunday of Lent	25th Feb	11.15am Family Service		9.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Meditative Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	11.15am Family Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday of Lent	4th Mar	11.15am Family Sung Eucharist	3pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism		11.15am Family Service
4th Sunday of Lent	11th Mar Mothering Sunday	11.15am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Everybody Welcome Eucharist		11.15am Sung Everybody Welcome Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Lent	18th Mar Passiontide begins	11.15am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am Morning Prayer
Palm Sunday	25th Mar	11.15am Family Service		9.30am Morning Worship 6pm Meditative Eucharist with Anointing	9.30am Eucharist with hymns	11.15am Family Sung Eucharist

A Medley of Music - all warmly invited to St Mary's Church, Black Torrington on Saturday 17th March 2018, 7.30pm (doors open from 7pm). Cheese & wine will be served following the concert. Raffle.

Admission free; donations welcome. The Mini Minstrels, Barnstaple Harmony 4 & the Sutcombe Singers.

Electoral Roll - If you are not on the electoral roll at your church and would like to go on please let your church secretary/roll officer know. Forms are at the back of all churches.

The Real Easter Egg - Fairtrade Easter eggs with the Easter story. Cut out the middleman buy straight from Tradecraft and help farmers - Milk Chocolate eggs £3.99 from Mthr Elizabeth.

Coming Up....

Thur 22nd Feb	12noon	Funeral of the Late Christine Mary Stanbury, Ss Peter and Paul church
	7pm	Benefice Lent Eucharist, Holsworthy - Holy Communion with Reflection
	7pm	Deanery Synod Open meeting focusing on children and youth, Market Hall, Holsworthy
Fri 23rd Feb	11.45am	St Peter's Fair - initial church planning meeting - all welcome (no Lent Lunch)
Sat 24th Feb	10am-4pm	Lent Quiet Day at The Long House - please book a place with Mthr Elizabeth. £5 donation towards the cost welcome; includes drinks & lunch.
Sun 25th Feb	3-5pm	Meet the new Youth Worker Ruth Jones, Holsworthy Youth Centre, bring & share tea.
Wed 28th Feb	am	Church Coffee Morning at Memorial Hall - Donations of prizes for the Tombola by Sunday 25th please. On the day or before please bring donations of raffle prizes, cakes, savouries & nearly new for the bric a brac stall.
	7.30pm	Lay Worship Leaders Course, Rectory
Thur 1st Mar	pm	Archdeacon visiting the Deanery. 5pm Mission Community Evening Prayer at Black Torrington church
	7pm	Benefice Lent Eucharist, Holsworthy - said Holy Communion with a Lent Reflection
Fri 2nd Mar	11am	Eucharist, Reflection and Lent Lunch, Ss Peter and Paul church
	2.30 pm	Service for Women's World Day of Prayer, Methodist Chapel, Bodmin Street, Everyone welcome.
Sat 3rd Mar	9.30am	Lay Worship Leaders Course, Ss Peter and Paul church
Fri 9th Mar	11am	Eucharist, Reflection and Lent Lunch, Ss Peter and Paul church
Sun 11th Mar	12.30 for 1	Pyworthy Sunday Lunch bookings by Mar 2nd - Liffy 01409 254423 Carol 01409 253174
Tues 13th Mar	2.30pm	Commissioning of the Livestock Market Chaplaincy Team, Holsworthy Parish Church by Bishop Sarah - please come and support this.
	7pm	Pyworthy APCM, St Swithun's church
Wed 14th Mar	7pm	Bridgerule APCM, village hall
Sun 18th Mar	4pm	Bishop Sarah's leaving service, Evensong at Exeter Cathedral. If you are able to offer a car share please let your churchwardens know.
Tues 20th Mar	7.30pm	Christians Together in Holsworthy and District AGM, Methodist Church, blue room.

FOR LENT

Thursdays

7pm Eucharist with Reflection Ss Peter & Paul Church

Fridays

11am Eucharist 11.45 Lent Lunch & Reflection 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March Ss Peter & Paul Church

Saturday 24th

Feb

Quiet Day 10am-4pm at the Longhouse Book a place with Mother Elizabeth

Please pray for...

The recently departed: Ian Headon, Mary Stanbury, Pamela Collins, Mike Smith and their family and friends

Webpage - www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk

Facebook Page - Holsworthy Benefice

If you would like anything added to this weekly Pew Sheet please email Mother Elizabeth by midday on a Thursday.