

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses spoke to the people; he said:
So now, Israel, give heed to the
statutes and ordinances that I am
teaching you to observe, so that
you may live to enter and occupy
the land that the LORD, the God of
your ancestors, is giving you. You
must neither add anything to what I
command you nor take away anything
from it, but keep the commandments
of the LORD your God with which I
am charging you. You must observe
them diligently, for this will show
your wisdom and discernment to
the peoples, who, when they hear all
these statutes, will say, "Surely this
great nation is a wise and discerning
people!" For what other great nation
has a god so near to it as the LORD
our God is whenever we call to him?
And what other great nation has
statutes and ordinances as just as this
entire law that I am setting before
you today? But take care and watch
yourselves closely, so as neither to
forget the things that your eyes have
seen nor to let them slip from your
mind all the days of your life; make
them known to your children and
your children's children.

PSALM Psalm 15

*R Through the greatness of your mercy,
I will come into your house.*

Lord, who may dwell in your 
tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right; *R*

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour; *R*

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the
Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word; *R*

Who does not lend money in hope of
gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
Whoever does these things
shall never fall. *R*

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

A reading from the letter of James.
Every generous act of giving, with
every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or
shadow due to change. In fulfilment of
his own purpose he gave us birth by
the word of truth, so that we would
become a kind of first fruits of his
creatures. You must understand this,
my beloved: let everyone be quick to
listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;
for your anger does not produce God's
righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves
of all sordidness and rank growth of
wickedness, and welcome with meekness
the implanted word that has the power
to save your souls. But be doers of the
word, and not merely hearers who
deceive themselves. For if any are
hearers of the word and not doers,
they are like those who look at
themselves in a mirror; for they look
at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like.
But those who look into the perfect
law, the law of liberty, and persevere,
being not hearers who forget but doers
who act – they will be blessed in their
doing. If any think they are religious,
and do not bridle their tongues but
deceive their hearts, their religion is
worthless. Religion that is pure and
undefiled before God, the Father, is
this: to care for orphans and widows
in their distress, and to keep oneself
unstained by the world.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the
scribes who had come from Jerusalem
gathered around Jesus, they noticed
that some of his disciples were eating
with defiled hands, that is, without
washing them. (For the Pharisees, and
all the Jews, do not eat unless they
thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders;
and they do not eat anything from the
market unless they wash it; and there
are also many other traditions that they
observe, the washing of cups, pots,
and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees
and the scribes asked him, "Why do
your disciples not live according to
the tradition of the elders, but eat
with defiled hands?" Jesus said to
them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly
about you hypocrites, as it is written,
'This people honours me with their
lips, but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me, teaching
human precepts as doctrines.' You
abandon the commandment of God
and hold to human tradition." Then
he called the crowd again and said to
them, "Listen to me, all of you, and
understand: there is nothing outside
a person that by going in can defile,
but the things that come out are what
defile. For it is from within, from
the human heart, that evil intentions
come: fornication, theft, murder,
adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,
licentiousness, envy, slander, pride,
folly. All these evil things come from
within, and they defile a person."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and
love,
keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of
bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

2nd September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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 10.30am Communion & 11am Community No Cost Café at Ss Peter & Paul Parish Church

We welcome the Archdeacon to the Benefice for the Sung Eucharist services

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
	7 th Sept	No Service or Café				
Trinity 15	9 th Sept	11.15am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am Sung Eucharist
Holy Cross	14 th Sept	No Service or Café				
Trinity 16	16 th Sept	11.15am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
Saint Matthew	21 st Sept	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ, Holsworthy				
Trinity 17	23 rd Sept	11.15am All Age Worship		9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist with Hymns	11.15am Sung Eucharist
Ember Day	28 th Sept	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ, Holsworthy				
Trinity 18	30 th Sept	11.15 Benefice Sung Eucharist, Pyworthy, with bring and share lunch afterwards				

Notices

Thank you to all who baked, helped & came to the Afternoon Tea at the Rectory. We made £379.80 for Holsworthy church to go towards the Common Fund.

Prayer Cycle A new prayer cycle for the Benefice is going to be put together for use throughout the Benefice. This will include prayer intentions for local organisations, businesses and dwellings by road or area. Please email Carol Weston cwcarolweston@gmail.com with any prayer intentions you would like added or might be missed about organisations etc in your area.

Safeguarding If you haven't carried out the CO online learning please do so - this is for everyone. If you are not on the internet then further dates can be given for you to be able to do this at the Rectory - we just need to know. If you have done it please let Carol Weston have the date you completed this.

Music Group Do you play a wind instrument? Would you like to play at the Holsworthy 9.30am service about once a month? Please have a chat with either organist; Lynne or John, or Bob Beckford or Mother Elizabeth.

Friends of Holsworthy Parish Church. This is being launched in St Peter and St Paul's church on 7th October at 4.30pm. The launch will be a celebration harvest service followed by a drinks reception. Please do let Mother Elizabeth know if you are interested in coming on the sub-committee. Packs are available at the back of church for anyone interested in becoming a friend and to give to anyone you think might be interested, including organisations.

Coming up...

Until Sun 16th Sep

Sat 8th Sep

Wed 5th Sep 2.45-4pm

Tue 18th Sep 7.30pm

Wed 19th Sep 2.45-4pm

4-5pm

Fri 21st Sep 7.30pm

Sun 23rd Sep 7pm

Tue 25th Sep 6.30 for 7pm

Wed 26th Sep 7.30pm

Fri 28th Sep 11am

Sat 29th Sep Time TBC

Sun 30th Sep 6.30pm

Wed 3rd Oct 2.45-4pm

Fri 5th Oct am

Sat 6th Oct 4pm

Sun 7th Oct 4.30pm

Mother Elizabeth on leave

Vocations Day for all at the Boniface centre in Crediton, for more information;

<http://exeter.anglican.org/events/exploring-vocation-to-ministry>

Choir Practice at Ss Peter and Paul, new singers welcome

Pyworthy PCC at Ros Skinner's home

Choir Practice at Ss Peter and Paul, new singers welcome

Organist's Meeting at the Rectory

Harvest Festival Service at the Livestock Market - All Welcome

Hollacombe Harvest Thanksgiving with refreshments afterwards

Growing the Rural Church Project meeting at Ashwater Parish Hall, EX21 5EZ

If you are interested in growing lay ministries please do come along.

Bridgerule PCC

Holsworthy PCC - Ss Peter and Paul

Commemoration of the 1WW in Stanhope Park

Bridgerule Harvest Thanksgiving

Choir Practice at Ss Peter and Paul, new singers welcome

Quinquennial Ss Peter and Paul

Hollacombe PCC

Pets and other Creatures, Creative church, Pyworthy - all animals and people welcome

Launch of Holsworthy Friends Harvest Celebration and drinks reception at Ss Peter and Paul.

Please note the new trial times of services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at Pyworthy

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