

5th Feb 2023 - 3rd Sunday before Lent

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
5th Feb	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
12th Feb	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist
19th Feb	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
22nd Feb	3pm Benefice Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at Hollacombe				
26th Feb	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am - All Age Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist
5th March	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer

Deanery Meeting

Archdeacon Verena warmly invites you and fellow PCC officers to an open meeting of the Holsworthy Deanery on **Tuesday February 7th at 7.30pm** at the Bradworthy Memorial Hall - The Square, Bradworthy.
All Welcome

**Text of the week -Corinthians
2:1-12. (13-end)**
But we speak God's wisdom.

Holsworthy Church on Saturday 11th February 2023 from 10am to help plant fruit trees for our Community Orchard. Refreshments will be available!

Thanks and see you there.



The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th January were:
1st Prize, £18.75 – ticket number 128, Tim from Brixham
2nd Prize, £3.75 – ticket number 78, Katie from Underlane

St. Peter & St. Pauls, Holsworthy is holding a coffee morning at the Memorial Hall on 15th February.

We would be really grateful for the donation of raffle prizes and cakes. Any offers of help on the morning would also be appreciated.

A local landowner in Holsworthy is planning to plant hundreds of trees on their site to help improve local biodiversity and the local landscape. The Saving Devon's Treescapes project is supporting this tree planting and we're looking for volunteers to help us on Feb 13th. If you can help us for a few hours then please sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-planting-day-holsworthy-tickets-516742880867>

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful
humanity:

give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 Isaiah 58:1-9a. [9b-12]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

PSALM Psalm 112:1-9

R *The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.*

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his
commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the
righteous. **R**

It goes well with those who are generous in
lending
and order their affairs with justice,
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting
remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **R**

Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes.
They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12. [13-end]

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human

being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

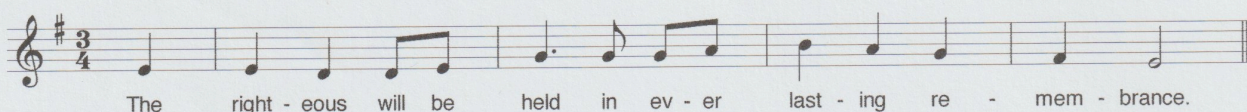
GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

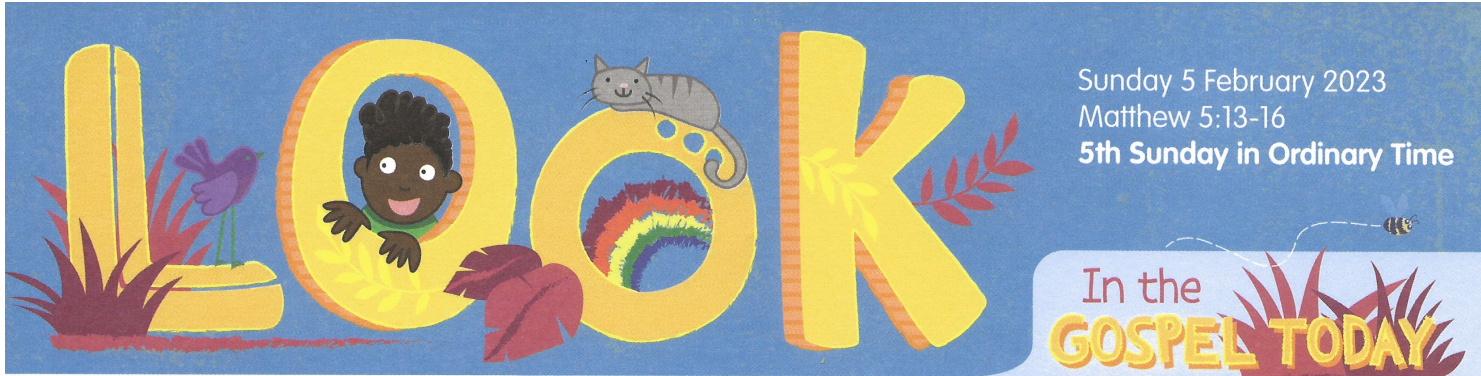
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should never
hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom.
where he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.





Sunday 5 February 2023
 Matthew 5:13-16
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

TRUST GOD!

I will shine

We shine with God's love when we are kind and helpful.
 Draw yourself inside the lamp doing something kind today.



Jesus says that his friends are salt for the earth and light for the world. A small pinch of salt makes a big difference to the taste of food. Light gets rid of darkness. When we live as God asks, we will shine with God's light and love and make a big difference to the world.

Spot the difference



Can you find the five differences between these two candles?

Jesus' message

Start with the letter arrowed and use every other letter, skipping the S the second time around, to find what Jesus said in today's Gospel.
 You are the _____



A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to be like you. Help me to shine with your love and goodness, so that I will make the world a better place. Amen.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Each letter appears only once in each row and column.

Fill in this table so that the letters **SALT** fit in every square.

S			T
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	S		
A			S

Answers: salt of the earth and light of the world