

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 10

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

31st May 2020 ~ Pentecost

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Sunday Morning Prayer at

10.30am

Online or by Phone

The link to join the service on line is;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85395682131>

Please just follow the instructions on the screen

It's best if you accept the app

By one tap mobile

+442030512874,,85395682131# United Kingdom

By any phone

0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237

You will be asked for this meeting ID: 853

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Do join in it's really easy

Thy Kingdom Come Pentecost Service



Sunday 31st May | 9am BST



Tune into the Church of England's Facebook, website or YouTube channel.

Home Group - Wednesdays at 3pm, online or by phone - all welcome

The link to join in is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83212017012>

Please just follow the instructions on the screen you do need to accept the app.

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By any phone

0131 460 1196 You will be asked for this Meeting ID: 853 9568 2131

Stay in touch using Zoom



Prayer Intentions for the week

Pentecost

That we may live the Gospel, Holsworthy Church Choir

All who live at Dobles Close, Lane, Road & Terrace and Quagmire Road

Mon 1st June (Visitation)

~ Teachers

Tues 2nd June

~ That we may be authentic signs of Christ

Wed 3rd June (Martyrs of Uganda)

~ The United Nations

Thur 4th June (Petroc)

~ Those struggling with alcoholism

Fri 5th June (Boniface)

~ Peace

Saturday 6th June (Ini Kopuria)

~ Carers

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EVENING	FIRST	DAY
DOORS	CLOSED	DISCIPLES
PEACE	SIDE	FATHER
BREATHED	FORGIVE	RETAIN



“The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Acts 2. 21

The Financial Position

Historians are beginning to use the term BC-AC: Before Covid - After Covid. Hope of a fast recovery for the economy are fast disappearing as the rules for social distancing look to remain in place until a vaccine is widely available. Another useful term at the moment would be During Covid - DC.

All the churches in the Holsworthy Benefice have to fund raise to keep afloat. For example parish lunches, bingo, coffee mornings, even coffee after the service brings in much needed funds. During this lock down all those fundraisers have come to an abrupt halt. Many of the Diocesan staff and also some priests have been furloughed. Yet the church is still here and alive. The cost of having a priest, insurance, bills, online resources continue.

I am immensely grateful to those who give regularly to their church through the Parish Giving Scheme and Standing Orders. Those of you who normally put money into the plate, or use the envelope system I pray are still putting this money to one side ready to give to your church. This is a challenging time financially for many people, but we also know that some people's outgoings are a lot lower than normal. If everyone who reads this newsletter were able to give an extra £5 per week and Gift Aid wherever possible, we'd be able to face the future with much greater hope. Not everyone will give extra money or even be able to give what they have in the past and some will be in a position to give much more, but if we can all push ourselves to give whatever we can afford, and encourage our friends and neighbours to do the same, we stand a real chance of coming through this pandemic with our churches surviving, praying, sharing the Gospel, serving their parishes and being there for those important occasions.

Across the five parishes there are many different ways people contribute to the finances of the churches. Through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), Standing Orders, Cheques, Cash and Bacs (one off payment from your account to the church account). All are important.

If you usually give via the collection plate, by envelope or cash, please consider sending a regular Bacs payment or cheque to your Treasurer during this lockdown, or join the Parish Giving Scheme or start a new Standing Order. The details for each church are below.

If you are giving via the PGS you can increase the amount you are giving by any of the following;

- notify the Parish Giving Scheme by phone 0333 002 1260
- or email info@parishgiving.org.uk,
- or by writing to: Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD.

You will need to provide the following information:

- Your PGS reference number (see below)
- How much your existing gift is for
- What you would like it changed to
- When you would like the change to take effect from

If you are giving by Standing Order you can increase the amount directly with your bank.

To join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) either go to the website to find out more

<https://parishgiving.org.uk/register/> or ring them on 0333 002 1260.

The pressures on everyone are enormous and you are all very much in my prayers,

May God Bless You

Mother Elizabeth

	Treasurer	Treasurer's Address	Cheques made payable to	Bank	Sort Code	Account Number	PGS Reference number
Bridgerule	Clarice Harris	Highlands, Bridgerule, Ex22 7EA	P.C.C Bridgerule	Lloyds	30-94-91	00465205	N/A
Hollacombe	Julie Isaac	Cornish View, Hollacombe, EX22 6NW	Hollacombe Parish Church	Natwest Bank	53-50-52	05007097	150615246
Holsworthy	Helen Narborough	Lyndhurst, North Road, Holsworthy, EX22 6HB	PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church	Natwest Bank	53-50-52	05007216	151502471
Pancrasweek	Robert Wright	Headon Farm, Pancrasweek Holsworthy EX22 7JF	Pancrasweek Church fund	Natwest Bank	53-50-52	50111051	151502532
Pyworthy	Carol Ley	Kestor, Pyworthy, Holsworthy, EX22 6UQ	Pyworthy PCC	Lloyds PLC	30-94-91	00465752	151502531

St James the Least of All

Editor: *The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*



On why holding an Arts Festival in church is not a good idea

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner-city streets, was most commendable. Pity, how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage-hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

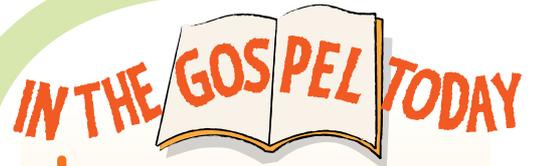
It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from 'Oklahoma', with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies – through years of experience – can now get five cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several months.

What you now do with 29 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



My name is _____

Jesus surprises his friends by appearing to them in the locked room where they are hiding. He says, "Peace be with you!" and shows them his hands and his side.

PEACE

This is Callum.

His name means "dove", a symbol of peace. Callum feels peaceful when he is relaxed and calm. Being with his dog helps Callum feel peaceful.

What makes you feel relaxed and calm? Write or draw your ideas on the dove.



Path word puzzle

Help Callum find a path that starts on the **F** and which spells out these symbols of the Holy Spirit:

fire dove wind

You can go in any direction, but you can't go back across the path you make with your pencil.

W	I	N
E	F	D
V	D	I
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The gift of peace

How can you share the gift of peace this week?

Write or draw your ideas in the gift box.



Let's celebrate!

The day the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost is when the Christian Church was born. **Today is the Church's birthday!**

Fill the grid with the pictures: each row, column and mini-grid should have just **one** of each of the different pictures.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, after the Holy Spirit came, your friends weren't frightened anymore. Thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to help us. Amen.

Answers: The first plant needs water.