

# Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 12

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

14th June 2020 ~ First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

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## **Sunday Worship at 10.30am**

**Online or by Phone**

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**Do join in it's really easy**

## **Weekly time of Contemplative Prayer Tuesdays at 7pm**

We will be using meditation, music, imagination  
and other ways to spend time in God's presence  
without the use of many words.

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

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## **Prayer Intentions for the week**

*PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 14th JUNE 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*

1st Sunday after Trinity

~ For a greater understanding of our faith, local funeral directors and all who live at Gloyn Park, Chilsworthy

Monday 15th June (Evelyn Underhill)

~ For preachers

Tuesday 16th June (Richard of Chichester)

~ For the apostles of today

Wednesday 10th June

~ Town and parish Councils

Thursday 17th June

~ For those who have been wronged

Friday 18th June

~ For greater honesty

Saturday 19th June

~ For families that are experiencing difficulties

## **The Government has given the green light for faith buildings to open for personal prayer**

Many people have missed being able to go into a sacred building to spend time with God. Thanks to many volunteers, part of the church of St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy will be opening for prayer from Monday.

If you are self isolating due to you or a person in your household having symptoms please do not go to the church, please carry on praying at home.

Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit, observe social distancing and stay within the cordoned areas.



# HOLY GROUND, SUNDAY at 7PM



## Love Means Love: the Bible and Same-Sex Relationships

with Revd David Runcorn on Zoom

*David is Bishop Jackie's husband.*



*Love Means Love* is the title of David's latest book and Holy Ground, Exeter Cathedral, launches its publication. The case for accepting and blessing same-sex relationships from the bible is a cumulative one. It is not based on any one text or verse. But nor does it involve ignoring the 'awkward' or apparently condemnatory texts either as some assume. *Love means love* is more like a map, tracing the paths through scripture that lead, David believes, to a welcoming and including understanding of homosexuality and same-sex relationships. David's book is written out of a concern that this possibility is still not yet widely understood and many people are struggling with their bibles for lack of it.

The evening, like the book, is an invitation to see the bible afresh and to read it faithfully in the light of our experience of the fruits of the Spirit we find in LGBT+ friends we know, or know in our own LGBT+ lives.

David has worked at different times as a vicar, Lee Abbey chaplain, Theological College teacher, Diocesan Director of Ministry and Director of Ordinands. He calls himself a 'free-range priest' and is a well-known speaker, trainer and retreat leader and writer. His other books include *The Spirituality Workbook – a guide for explorers, pilgrims and seekers* and *The Language of tears – their gift, mystery and meaning*.

**David's Talk is available [here](#).**

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**COLLECT**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Exodus 19:2-8a**

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

**PSALM Psalm 100**

**R** *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.



The Lord is gra-cious; his stead-fast love is ev-er-last-ing.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8**

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**GOSPEL**

(Short or long reading)

**Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)**

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed

him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

**POST COMMUNION**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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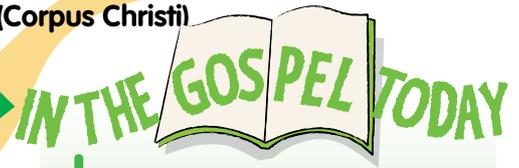




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John 6:51-58

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



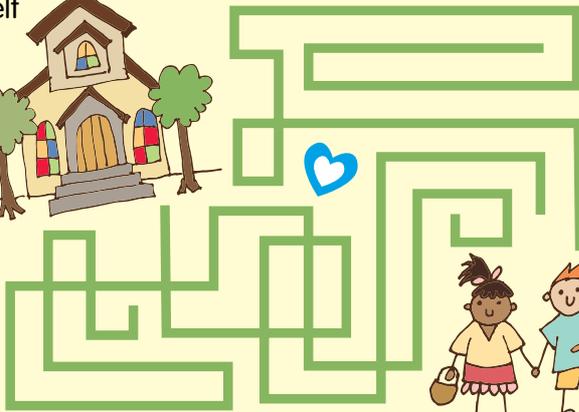
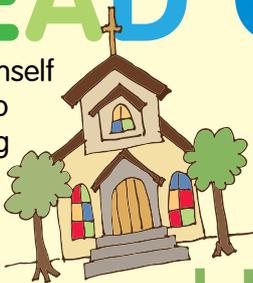
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Jesus tells us that he is living bread that has come down from heaven. If we eat this bread we shall live with Jesus for ever. ♥

# BREAD OF LIFE

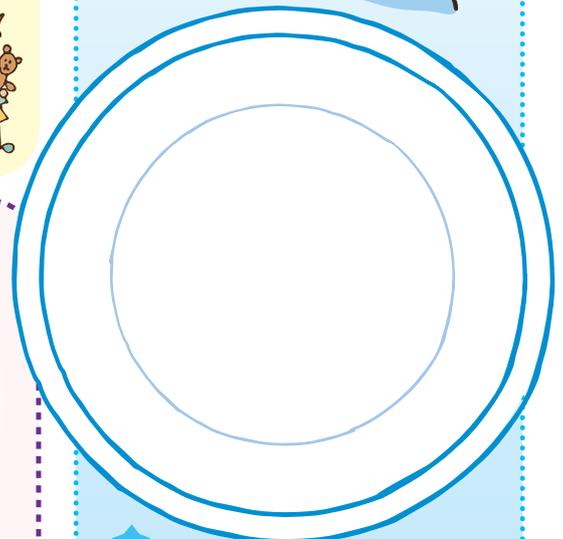
Jesus gives himself to us as food to make us strong in love. Help these children find their way to church.



They want to receive Jesus, the bread of life.

## My healthy meal

We need food to make us strong and healthy.



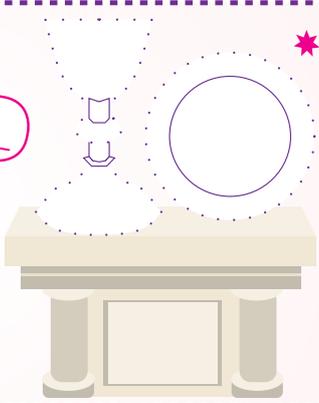
## Food of life

The bread and wine on the altar become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Join the dots to show the special cup and plate.

Fill in the missing letters with a vowel to find out what they are called.

ch \_ l \_ c \_

p \_ t \_ n



## Bread sudoku

There are many different types of bread.



Finish this puzzle. Make sure that each row, column and mini-grid has just one of each type of bread.






Draw a really healthy meal on this plate.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for your kindness. Thank you for giving us your Son to show us how to live. Help us to be kind like you. Amen.

Answers: Food of life: chalice, paten.



### Refugee Week - 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June

As the annual 'Refugee Week' approaches, various Christian relief agencies and campaign groups warn that coronavirus could have a catastrophic impact on the refugees whom they are trying to help.

First, the big picture: according to the UNHCR, "we are currently witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. An unprecedented 70.8 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 25.9 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18."

Refugees are especially vulnerable, as their usual homes of makeshift tents or flimsy shelters are overcrowded and without clean water or sanitation, making social distancing and isolation impossible. Also, many refugees are already suffering underlying health conditions and mental health issues.

As the head of the Humanitarian Division at Christian Aid, Nick Guttman, also points out: "Refugees are some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Access to medical facilities is limited and the destabilisation of the global economy is likely to have an impact on their livelihoods and the flow of humanitarian aid." He warns that it is only a "matter of time" before it reaches the countries with a high number of refugees: Bangladesh, Syria, Lebanon, Nigeria, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Tearfund has highlighted the problem of warning the one million Rohingya people, crowded in camps in Bangladesh. "There is no internet provision in the camps and the mobile network is currently suspended, so getting the message out about the dangers of the virus relies on word of mouth."

Open Doors is concerned for the plight of the Pygmy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many fled their rainforest after persecution by Islamist rebels, and are now living in camps, where they are extremely vulnerable to the virus.

Leprosy Mission has warned that India "faces a human timebomb, waiting to explode." Communities affected by leprosy, malnutrition, overcrowded living conditions and poor sanitation, make "ideal breeding ground for the spread of coronavirus. Social distancing and isolation are impossible in the densely populated areas."

### 15<sup>th</sup> June Evelyn Underhill, mystical writer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century



For anyone interested in Christian mysticism, Evelyn Underhill may be a good place to begin.

She died on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1941 after a life full of remarkable achievements: author of more than 30 books that

explored the intersection between the spiritual and the physical, the first woman ever to lecture to the CofE clergy, the first woman to conduct spiritual retreats for the Church, the first woman to establish ecumenical links between churches, and one of the first women theologians to lecture in English universities. Evelyn was also an award-winning bookbinder.

Born in 1875, the daughter of a barrister from Wolverhampton, and then wife to a childhood friend, also a barrister, Evelyn moved in cultured, educated circles, and travelled widely each summer along the Mediterranean – both her father and husband were keen yachting enthusiasts.



Evelyn's inner, spiritual journey was more complex: from agnosticism to theism, on to Neoplatonism and then Roman Catholicism she went, until in 1921 she became an Anglican - with a later fascination for the Greek Orthodox church. Her daily life was one of reading, writing, and doing various forms of religious work, from visiting the poor to counselling people in trouble.

Her spiritual search began in childhood, after a number of "abrupt experiences of the peaceful, undifferentiated plane of reality—like the 'still desert' of the mystic—in which there was no multiplicity nor need of explanation". Trying to understand these mystical experiences sparked her passion and lifelong quest.

Evelyn became one of the most widely read writers on mysticism in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her greatest book, *Mysticism: A Study of the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness*, was published in 1911, and is romantic, engaged, and theoretical rather than historical or scientific. While writing it she came into contact with Baron Friedrich von Hugel, who became her spiritual mentor for many years. He gradually steered her away from mysticism and towards a more Christocentric view of reality.

During World War I Evelyn worked in naval intelligence, but in later years became a Christian pacifist.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF UK MISSION IN A COVID-19 WORLD

**6AM:** The team at the British Asian Christian Association (BACA) use the FareShare app to source leftover supermarket food. Sometimes this means an early pick-up to collect donations; it's an early start, but worth it to secure items to give to people in desperate need.

**8AM:** Pastor Darren leads an online devotional for about half an hour with 10-15 others; many of whom are new Christians. He then prepares to go out and serve his community. Darren has 51% kidney function and is thus in the 'at risk' group, but he still feels called to serve.

**"The PPE helps me to feel safe knowing I can still serve the Lord and put in an honest shift for Jesus. It allows me to do this ministry and help around 100 people a week" – Pastor Darren**

**9AM:** The foodbank at the British Asian Christian Association opens. Hannah (16) is BACA's youngest volunteer, and was due to sit her GCSEs this summer. Instead, she has been helping out by providing hot meals and food packages for the homeless, or financially deprived in her community.

They have been able to provide a hot meal, emotional care, and access to temporary accommodation for 17 rough sleepers so far. A grant, and a PPE community care kit from Samaritan's Purse, are now helping them to do even more.

**"I've made a really great friendship with one of them. Her story is amazing and it's just nice to know her ... Dee served in the army for nine years. After being injured by a bullet in her spine, she lost the bottom half of one leg and now wears a metal prosthetic. After five years of rough sleeping, she is now in accommodation and being supported by BACA and others. She is taking a cooking course and doing well." – Hannah, British Asian Christian Association**

Another man named Satnum was sleeping rough, but after receiving several meals provided by BACA he began to trust the team. He was directed to Ryedale Centre in Ilford and with their help, gained a temporary home.

**10AM:** Pastor Darren is shopping for the vulnerable in his community, using his grant from Samaritan's Purse to purchase supplies.

One recipient is an elderly lady in her 80s who is unable to get out for food supplies and essentials.

Addressing Darren she said:

**"I don't know what would happen if you weren't here. I think I would have died if it wasn't for you."**

She told Darren he was her only friend and the only person that speaks to her and helps her.

**NOON:** Helen from the Lifeline Larder begins to sort through supplies of food, toiletries and other essential sanitary items. Two more volunteers also arrive for this important task. They all don personal protective equipment to make the up the parcels – eager to ensure destitute families receive gifts of nappies and personal hygiene items alongside much needed food. The supplies and the task at hand are made possible by gifts from the local community, and a grant and PPE kit from Samaritan's Purse.

**2:30PM:** Volunteers for the Lifeline Larder are busy delivering care packages across their community to people referred by the local primary school and other local contacts.

Hopping out of her car and donning a mask and gloves, Sarah knocks on the first door of the day. She is greeted by Sheila; an older lady who suffers from severe arthritis and has no one to look after her.

Having PPE to make deliveries is key. Sheila benefits as much from a friendly chat, and knowing she isn't forgotten, as she

does from the care package. Many of the recipients of Lifeline Larder's support, like Sheila, are in dire need of not just physical items but also human interaction. Often these key human needs can be forgotten and overlooked, and personal protective equipment makes these socially distanced interactions held on the doorstep so much safer.

This care not only supports people's mental health; it can literally save lives.

**3PM:** Pastor Darren is collecting and delivering prescription medications for people needing to isolate. He has just returned from the GP surgery, where he had to have a blood test. While he was there, he overheard that they had run out of face masks, and were unable to see more patients that day. He promptly donated some of his own supply, despite being in the 'at risk' category himself. Unknown to Darren in that moment, and in an instance of divine timing, a member of Samaritan's Purse who had spoken to him on the phone that morning and, knowing his status, had shipped him extra FFP2 masks to ensure even more protection. He received our call letting him know these were on their way just minutes after he left the GP!

After making his deliveries, Darren puts on a fresh face mask and gloves in order to transport a pregnant lady to the hospital. She has no money or means to get there without his aid.

**Late Afternoon:** Hannah and others at BACA are delivering food parcels and other essential supplies to those who are unable to fend for themselves. These include: an NHS nurse forced into self-isolation because of sickness, and who is living with five children under the age of ten; a woman with diagnosed Asperger syndrome and a heart condition, and a homeless man aged 64, who is not able to leave his 'safe shelter' as part of his agreement.

**5PM:** Hannah and the team at BACA are back at the community centre in order to cook hot meals before the evening service.

The gloves in the PPE kit supplied by Samaritan's Purse have helped to protect both her and the team and reduce the risk of unwitting transmission as food parcels were prepared and delivered earlier, and now as the hot meals are cooked. It's now time to slip on another fresh face mask and take the food to the car park of the Prince of Wales pub. It's from here they serve hot meals to those most in need in their community, in a space where people can effectively social distance outside.

**7PM:** Jennifer picks gloves and masks from her Samaritan's Purse PPE kit to distribute to her volunteers as they head out to provide a hot meal to the town's homeless community. Some are struggling with being in the hotel room they have been given, as they've become used to sleeping outside, so they often head out onto the streets for the night.

The night shift had initially stopped due to the lockdown and lack of personal protective equipment. But now with good quality PPE provided by Samaritan's Purse, work is resuming.

Alongside a hot meal the project also gifts the homeless beneficiaries with face masks. This not only allows them to keep safer as they go about their day, but importantly, it equalises the relationship. Many of the homeless recipients have lived with a stigma of being looked down and regarded as dirty. With volunteers and homeless people all wearing masks, it avoids reinforcing a painful stereotype. This way, the message can be shared that we all need to protect each other in these difficult times, and conversations can naturally occur as to how to take care in a COVID-19 world.

As the evening draws in another day of service in Jesus' Name comes to a close and people go home to rest, ready to begin anew tomorrow...

*N.B. all of these stories are real, but some names have been altered for privacy reasons, and events compiled to illustrate what a typical day for those serving in their communities is like.*