



# Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet #16

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

**25th April 2021 - Easter 4**

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## Text for the Week

1 John 3.18:

Little children,  
let us love,  
not in word or speech,  
but in truth and action.

## Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		On Zoom	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Easter 4	25th Apr	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer
Easter 5	2nd May	9.30am Morning Prayer		3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Eucharist		
Easter 6	9th May	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer		11am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist
Ascension Day	13th May	9pm Compline			7pm Eucharist		
Easter 7	16th May	9.30am Morning Prayer			11am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist

## Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Wednesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer- Start again 28th April	Zoom details; <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?</a> To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
Thursdays	2.30pm	Home Group Start again 29th April	
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers	

## Dates for your Diary

4th July	11am Benefice Eucharist with Installation. Acting Archdeacon Giles presiding and preaching (no other services)	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
7th July	12 Noon Pretty Maid Ceremony	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
22nd July	Archdeacon's Visitation service. Details to follow.	St Peter and St Paul's, Holsworthy
31st July	Food and Drinks festival for the end of lockdown. Benefice stalls and crafts to raise money for the administrator's IT. Help needed 11am to 6pm.	Stanhope Park, Holsworthy
1st August	11am Mission Community end of lock down Celebration Service.	Stanhope Park, Holsworthy
27th-31st August	Greenbelt - Christian Arts and Music Festival. As well as arts and music there are talks, discussion groups, crafts loads for kids and lots of other things. Its for all ages and there is local accommodation if you don't like camping. See website for more details - <a href="https://www.greenbelt.org.uk">https://www.greenbelt.org.uk</a> If you'd like to join the Benefice group be in touch with the Rector.	Grounds of Boughton Estate, three miles from Kettering town centre. Free shuttle bus from Kettering.

## **THANK YOU**

TO ALL THE CHURCHWARDENS FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DO THIS YEAR BOB BECKFORD AND ROBERT WRIGHT THEY STEP DOWN. BOTH MADE A HUGE IMPACT TO THE CHURCHES THEY SERVED.

The new Churchwardens are;

Adam Rivett for Pancrasweek Church and

Carol Western for Holsworthy Church

We welcome them to this important role, and give thanks for them.

The Archdeacon's Visitation is on 22nd July at Holsworthy Church.

This is when they officially become the new Churchwardens, although both have already taken up the mantle.

### **Benefice Website**

During the Covid-19 pandemic the benefice website has really come into its own, providing local and national church news and information. It has become the place where the link to the Zoom services can be easily picked up. Use of the site has been fantastic. In the past 12 months we have had 1,900 visitors who have had 3,200 sessions looking at the website content. At the moment we do not actively promote the website outside of the local area so the majority of users of the site are local people.

The most popular pages our visitors look at are the weekly news sheet followed by the services page which now includes information on the Zoom services and the initial information on wedding and baptisms services. The jackpot draw page also gets viewed quite frequently and then the individual church pages.

A variety of equipment is used to look at the website. 53% of our visitors use a desktop computer, 38.5% use a mobile and 7.7% use a tablet.

### **Holsworthy Page on A Church Near You - The Church of England Website**

Use of this site has also been very good for Holsworthy Church. Although we don't have access to detailed information about the site use we do know that 4,175 visitors have looked at the site in the past twelve months.

Generally we have information about our weekly services on view and then we place information about the special services we have at Easter and Christmas. The site is useful to people coming to the area on holiday when they don't know what churches there are for them to visit. The site asks you to enter a postcode or name of a town and then displays a map of the churches in the area, you pick on the one you want to know about and the information is displayed. There is a link from the Holsworthy site to our Benefice site.

Maybe the other churches in the Benefice would benefit from keeping their A Church Near You page updated?

### **APRIL JACK POT DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize, £17.25 - ticket number 14,  
Dennis from Sanctuary Road

2nd Prize, £3.45 - ticket number 62,  
Ayla from Staddon Road

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which  
are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING (Alternative readings)

*The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.*

### Either Acts 4:5-12

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### Or Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *I will dwell in your house for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green  
pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who  
trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely goodness and loving mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING (Alternative readings)

### Either 1 John 3:16-end

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do

what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Or Acts 4:5-12

## GOSPEL John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his  
life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# LOOK

Sunday 25 April 2021

John 10:11-18

4th Sunday of Easter

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells the people that he is the good shepherd and he will protect his sheep.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

## I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

You are one of Jesus' sheep.

He will always look after you.



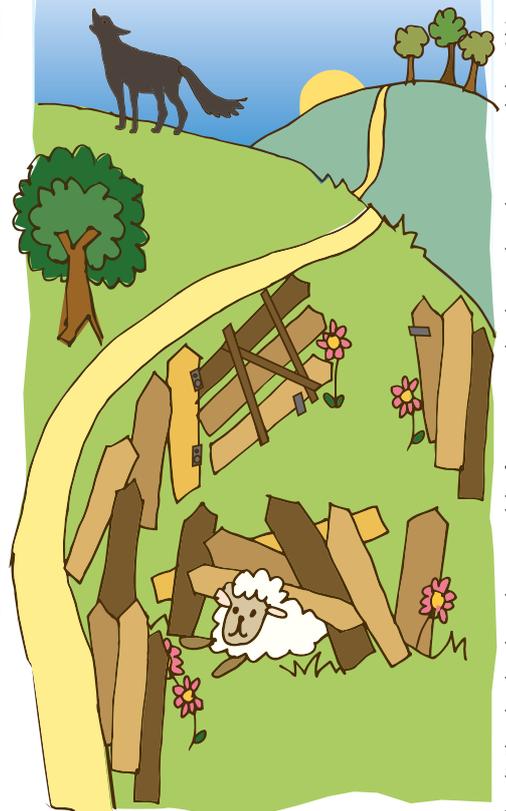
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Find a path together by colouring the circles with numbers you can divide by 5.

## Being safe

Circle four things the shepherd needs to sort out to keep the sheep safe.



## Follow the sheep

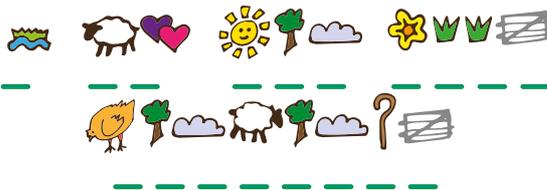
Even if we are naughty sometimes or we get lost, the Good Shepherd loves and looks after us.



Help the shepherd find his lost sheep by following the right path.

## Code

Jesus says



a =	e =	h =	m =	p =	t =
d =	g =	i =	o =	s =	r =

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd and I am one of your sheep. Thank you for loving and looking after me. Amen.

Answers: Jesus says "I am the good shepherd". The shepherd needs to mend the fence, rescue the sheep, close the gate and chase the wolf away.