

# 12th March 2023 - Third Sunday of 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
12th March	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist
19th March	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
26th March	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am - All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
2nd April	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist, with Holy Baptism		9.30am Morning Prayer

### Easter Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

<b>Thursday 6th April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with washing of feet and striping of the altar, Holsworthy</b> <b>10pm Benefice Compline at Holsworthy</b>
<b>Friday 7th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>10.30am Walk of Witness - Holsworthy Square</b>
<b>Friday 7th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>1pm Benefice Good Friday Reflection, Pyworthy</b>
<b>Friday 7th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>2pm Benefice Celebration of the Passion of the Lord , Holsworthy</b>
<b>Saturday 8th April</b> <b>Easter Eve</b>	<b>8pm - Easter Eve - The Easter Vigil, Holsworthy</b>
<b>Sunday 9th April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hollacombe</b> <b>9.30am Sung Eucharist, Pyworthy</b> <b>11am Sung Eucharist, Bridgerule</b> <b>10m All Age Eucharist, Holsworthy</b>

Revision to the Electoral Roll of St Peter's and St Paul Church is taking place prior to the AGM being held on 29th March 2023, if anyone wishes to be added to the Roll there are forms available at the back of the church.

**Section 11 Meeting**  
Manor suite at the memorial hall  
**Thursday 23rd March 7pm**  
Joint meeting for all PCCs to approve Profile, appoint Parish reps, decide on advertising etc.  
All Welcome

**Text of the week - Psalm 95**  
O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock  
of our salvation.

The churches in our Benefice will be holding their Annual Parochial Church Meetings over the next few weeks and this is an ideal time to boost the numbers of members on our PCC's.

If you would like to join the PCC of your church or be nominated as Churchwarden or Deanery Synod representative, then you would be welcomed with open arms. Please approach your current churchwardens or an existing PCC member to express your interest. We promise that we don't bite and will ease you in gently. We really do need more help.  
Thank you.



**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
 whose most dear Son went not up to joy but  
 first he suffered pain,  
 and entered not into glory before he was  
 crucified:  
 mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of  
 the cross,  
 may find it none other than the way of life and  
 peace;  
 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 17:1-7**

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**PSALM Psalm 95**

**R** Come, let us worship and bow down.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our  
 salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
 and be glad in him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God  
 and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth  
 and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God;  
 we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
 of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice:  
 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
 "When your forebears tested me, and put me  
 to the proof,  
 though they had seen my works. **R**

"Forty years long I detested that generation  
 and said,  
 'This people are wayward in their hearts;  
 they do not know my ways.'  
 "So I swore in my wrath,  
 'They shall not enter into my rest.'" **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11**

*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. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**GOSPEL John 4:5-42**

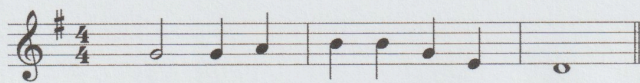
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come

back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

**POST COMMUNION**

Merciful Lord,  
 grant your people grace to withstand the  
 temptations of the world, the flesh and the  
 devil,  
 and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
 the only God;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down.

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# LOOK

Sunday 12 March 2023  
John 4:5-42  
3rd Sunday of Lent

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### WATER OF LIFE

#### Maze

Help the woman find the quickest way back to town to tell everyone her good news.



Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink. She gives him water and he gives her "living water" – the love of God! Jesus offers love to all of us, no matter who we are.

#### Which jar?

The Samaritan woman has to lower a jar on a rope down the well to collect water. Which is her jar?



#### Growing



This plant has soil and sun. What else does it need to grow? **W**\_\_\_\_\_  
(r t a e)

With water this plant will grow bigger, stronger and even more beautiful. With Jesus we will grow bigger, stronger and even more beautiful too!

Draw yourself with the plant. Show how beautiful and strong you will be with Jesus living in your heart.



Draw this same plant after it has had some water.



#### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Thank you for knowing everything about me and loving me just the same! Amen.

#### Unexpected kindness

The Samaritan woman did not expect Jesus to talk to her with such kindness.

This is because Jesus was a Jew, and Jews and Samaritans did not speak to each other.

Draw a picture of someone you will speak kindly to.

Today I will speak kindly to...