

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 27

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

27th September 2020 ~ Michael & All Angels (moved from 29th September)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

	Holsworthy Open each day for prayer and reflection	Pyworthy
27th Sep	11am Eucharist	
4th Oct	11am Eucharist	9.30am All Age Pet Service
11th Oct	11am Eucharist	
18th Oct	11am Eucharist	9.30am Harvest Morning Prayer
25th Oct	11am Eucharist	
1st Nov	11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist

Lizzy Flaherty

is off to Oxford University next weekend to read Theology.

We wish her all the best and look forward to her returning in the Holidays!

We thank you for all that you have done for the church and community of Holsworthy.

Godspeed and God bless you.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER ON ZOOM

Sundays	9.30am	Morning Worship	All on Zoom details below; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
Tuesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer	
Wednesdays	3pm	Starting again on 14th Oct	
Fridays	12 Noon	Middy Prayer	

PRAYER INTENTIONS

16th Sunday after Trinity	That we may be messengers of God, local Farmers and families All who live at Waldon and Need Way, Holsworthy
Monday 28th September	For abused children and the end of abuse
Tuesday 29th September (Michael and All Angels)	For an end to hatred
Wednesday 30th September (Jerome, Translator, Teacher))	For the lonely
Thursday 1st October (Renigius, Bishop of Rheims)	Those whose lives are empty
Friday 2nd October	Those who do not believe in Jesus
Saturday 3rd October	Our Bishops Robert, Nick and Jackie

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PCC	Date	Time	Location
Bridgerule	Wed 7th Oct	7pm	Zoom
Hollacombe	Wed 7th Oct	2pm	Rectory and Zoom
Pyworthy	Wed 14th Oct	7pm	St Swithun's
Holsworthy	Thur 15th Oct	7pm	St Peter & St Paul's & Zoom if possible
Holding a meeting is TBC and will be subject to coronavirus guidelines & rules			

29th Sept Enter all the angels, led by Michael

What is an angel? Easy, people think: a shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In many stained glass windows he's seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel - Gabriel - appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

Bible Word Search: BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

T H S M I S B C S T N H Q X V
N M A L A C H A I V U S V R C
F G S N O I T A T N E M A L Z
C E N B O P U G B T D C W E H
D N W T H J R I S A I A H O S
Z E C H A R I A H Y K A R J F
B S U C I T I V E L I K Y V P
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O C I B J A E N N M P R Z O T
E S M L A S P H O K W J B J K
Y U F P O X X S W M A W V C S
N X M H B M V K N J Y L W N Q

OBADIAH	HABAKKUK	DEUTERONOMY
RUTH	JONAH	ISAIAH
EZRA	GENESIS	NUMBERS
LEVITICUS	PSALMS	ECCLESIASTES
JEREMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	JOEL
AMOS	MICAH	NAHUM
ZECHARIAH	MALACHAI	HOSEA

Coming to church during the covid-19 pandemic

IN THE HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Everyone, without symptoms or those needing to self isolate, **are very welcome.**

It is at your own discretion, including those of a higher risk category.

Please carefully consider your needs, especially if you are in a higher risk category, before attending services in church buildings.

Please follow all the guidance to keep you and others as safe as possible.

If you decide to come to a service in a church building please stay alert and carry out the following;

- A face covering must be worn
- Keep to the 2 meters social distancing and don't linger anywhere (the radiators are not on yet!!). Doorways and aisles are to be kept clear of people. This is important as we don't have wide aisles and only one door to enter and exit.
- Good hand hygiene must be followed - sanitiser is to be used on entry and exit of the building.
- Gloves are not recommended. It is more difficult to sanitise gloves than hands. If you wear gloves without changing them constantly you still need to sanitise!
- The doors will be left open throughout the service (this will be reassessed in September).
- There will be no congregational singing during the service until advice says it is safe to do so (the celebrant may sing from a distance if their voice is on form!).
- There will be a plate by the door for your offering - please sanitise your hands before and after.
- After sanitising
 - please go straight to the furthest forward empty pew.
 - Service books will be in the pews.

This is to ensure 2 meters social distancing when entering and exiting the building.

- You may light votive candles as normal, please make sure the sanitiser on your hands is dry, and you leave 2 meters social distance. This also helps people to have their own prayer space.....
- Please do not hold out for sitting where you normally sit!
- Please sit in the middle of the pew and not either end.
- You are very welcome to kneel, sit or stand as per the custom of the church.
- The Celebrant alone receives both bread & wine.
- The words of distribution "the body of Christ" are said by the Celebrant before the distribution with the congregation responding "Amen".
- Distribution of communion will be by the Celebrant bringing the bread to you in your pew.
- Please be aware the Celebrant will wear a mask and may wear a visor. This is for you, theirs and their families' protection.
- To receive the sacrament, please stand, sit or kneel as you are able.
- The distribution takes place in silence with the wafer carefully dropped into the hands of the communicant. Please hold both hands (one cupping the other) out stretched so as much social distance can be maintained.
- Please remember not to say Amen out loud on receiving the host. If you do don't worry and try to remember not to next time.
- At the end of the service please leave in order of those closest to the door first.
- Please don't linger after the service and keep the doorway and aisles free.
- At this time there will be no refreshments after the service - sorry.
- If you wish to talk to the priest after the service please remain in your pew, they will come to you (2 meters).

Please keep the opening of churches and starting to worship in the buildings in your prayers. Please pray for the clergy and others involved during this time. Pray especially for the younger generations that are making it possible for churches to open and services to commence.

27th September 2020

Michael and All Angels

(moved from 29th September)

The Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a
wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve
you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the Revelation of John the Divine.
And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his
angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and
his angels fought back, but they were defeated,
and there was no longer any place for them in
heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that
ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan,
the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown
down to the earth, and his angels were thrown
down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown
down, who accuses them day and night before
our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they
did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has
come down to you with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!

Revelations 12.7-12

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 33-40

The response to the psalm;

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

R Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you
I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my
enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to
you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be
shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach
me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach
me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you
have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for
they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins
of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me
in your goodness, O Lord, according to your
steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall
he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the
humble in doing right and teach his way to the
lowly. **R**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear ✠ the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint John.

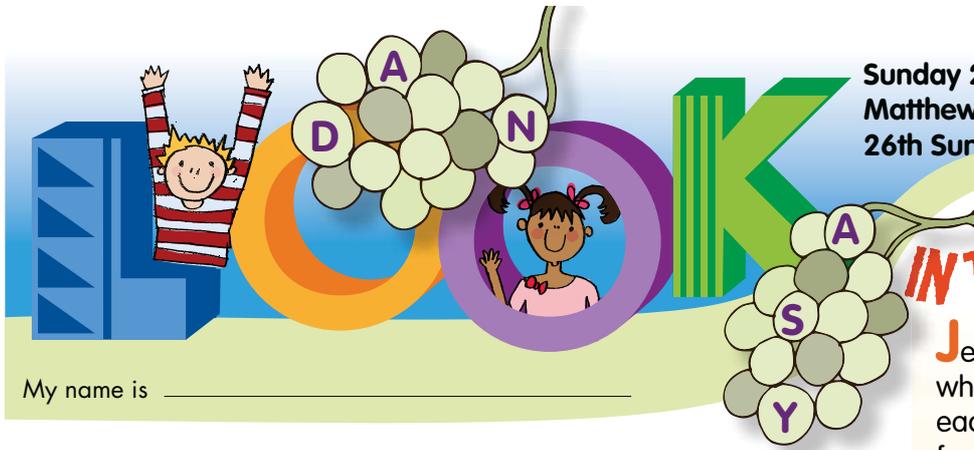
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him,
he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom
there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where
did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I
saw you under the fig tree before Philip called
you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of
God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered,
'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you
under the fig tree? You will see greater things than
these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you,
you will see heaven opened and the angels of
God ascending and descending upon the Son of
Man.'

John 1.47-51

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

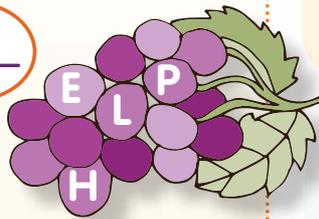
My name is _____

Jesus tells the story of a man who had two sons. He asks each son to work in the vineyard for the day. The first son says, "NO, I will not go" but then decides he will go and help. The second son says, "YES, I will go" but then doesn't. Actions, not words are what matter.

I WILL HELP!

Which son?
 Which is the **FIRST** son and which is the **SECOND**?
 What did each son say?

_____ son _____ son



Which son actually did what his father wanted?
 The _____ son

Spot the difference

Teagan's mum asked her to tidy her bedroom. At first she said "Yes" but did not do it. Later, after thinking better of it, she tidied up.

Can you spot ten differences?

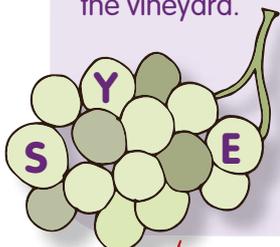
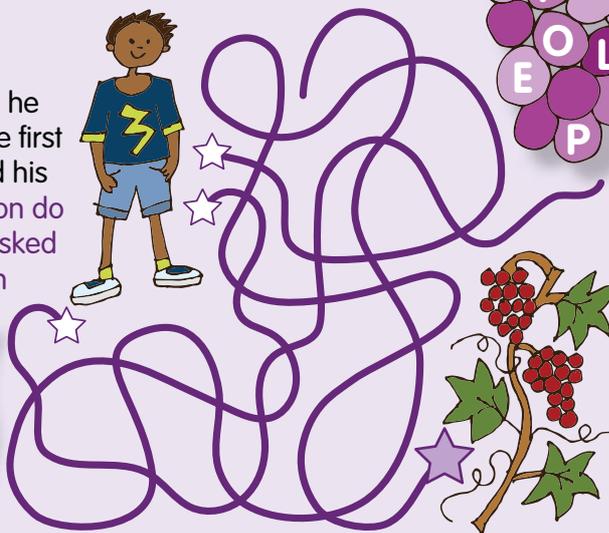


Grape message

There are five bunches of grapes hidden around the sheet. Each bunch has a word on it. Put the words in the right order to find an important message.

I will help

Although he said he wouldn't help, the first son has changed his mind. Help the son do what his father asked and go to work in the vineyard.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to say "yes" and mean it when people ask for help. Help me to put my words into action. Amen.

Answers: Second Son said "Yes". First Son said "No" but did what his father wanted. Spot the difference: sock, book, bricks on floor, bed crumpled, pillow, Teagan, picture, curtain, wardrobe door. Grape message: Say yes and help people.