

# Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 29

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

**11th October 2020 ~Trinity 18 (Proper 23)**

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It is difficult to put into words my profound sense of shame and utter sadness when I read the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse report published on 6th October. It is also with deep regret that I share with you all that I am not surprised to read of the failures of the church in this report. You can find the full report here <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-report-finds-anglican-church-failed-protect-children-sexual-abuse>.

The chair of the enquiry has said *“To ensure the right action is taken in future, it’s essential that the importance of protecting children from abhorrent sexual abuse is continuously reinforced.*

*“If real and lasting changes are to be made, it’s vital that the Church improves the way it responds to allegations from victims and survivors, and provides proper support for those victims over time.*

*“The panel and I hope that this report and its recommendations will support these changes to ensure these failures never happen again.”*

The response from the diocese of Exeter can be found here;  
<https://exeter.anglican.org/iicsa-final-report-has-lessons-for-us-all/>

I hope you will join me in praying for the victims and survivors, that they become fully supported by the church at all levels. Let us pray that we may never say or think ‘it’s nothing to do with us’, or ‘abuse doesn’t happen in our community’. We pray for an end to abuse and let us pray that our church culture is one which holds safeguarding as a fundamental and essential part of being Christian.

If you would like to talk with me about the report or if it has affected you in anyway please do be in contact.

Yours in the love and service of God

Mother Elizabeth

## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

	Holsworthy	Hollacombe	Pyworthy
11th Oct	11am Eucharist		
18th Oct	11am Harvest Eucharist		9.30am Harvest Morning Prayer
25th Oct	11am Eucharist		
1st Nov	11am Confirmation	3pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)	9.30am Morning Prayer

**Next week the services will celebrate Harvest**

If you would like to donate to FoodBank there is a collection box at the foot of the Font on the left as you go into St Peter and St Paul’s

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER ON ZOOM

Sundays	9.30am	Morning Worship	All on Zoom details below; <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: <b>benefice</b>
Tuesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer	
Wednesdays	3pm	Home Group	
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayer	

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EVERYONE

When attending church, please sanitise your hands and take your seat. Do not wonder around the church, or go over to people to talk to them. AT ALL TIMES DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING WITH HANDS, BAGS, COATS ETC, OTHER THAN YOUR PEW. At all times please stay **2 meters** apart. Please don’t linger at the door after the service.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 11<sup>th</sup> October 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** For refugees and those effected by war

The Food Bank

All who live at Victoria Hill, Square and Street, Holsworthy

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** (Wilfrid of Ripon, E Fry, E Cavell)

Reconciliation

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** (Edward the Confessor)

For justice

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

For equality and fairness

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** (Teresa of Avila)

For human rights

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** (N Ridley, H Latimer)

Our worshipping community

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** (Ignatius)

For the council

**APCMS**

PCC	Date	Time	Location
Pyworthy	Wed 14th Oct	7pm	St Swithun's
Holsworthy	Thur 15th Oct	7pm	St Peter & St Paul's & Zoom if possible
Subject to coronavirus guidelines & rules			

**Do you want to be a Governor?**

Holsworthy Academy Committee (AC ) are looking for some new Governors and now is the exactly the right time to be involved as Education seems to be a headline topic every week!

At Holsworthy AC, we are responsible for Holsworthy Community College and the 3 Primary Schools at Bridgerule, Bradford and Black Torrington.

We are part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust which comprises 16 schools and over 5000 pupils!

The work of a Governor is very rewarding and enjoyable but difficult to explain in a few lines....so please contact the Co Chairs of Holsworthy AC as follows to get some more information :

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**South West Coast 2 Coast Challenge**  
**24-25 July 2021**  
 Walking 100km from Minehead to Dawlish.  
 Please toot or wave if you spot me training around  
 Pyworthy, Derril, Bridgerule, Whitstone, North Tamerton,  
 Yeomadon, Holsworthy and back to Pyworthy...

Please donate to Macmillan by visiting  
[www.justgiving.com/vincentasullivan](http://www.justgiving.com/vincentasullivan)

Fundraising for  
**MACMILLAN**  
 CANCER SUPPORT

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Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (081017), Scotland (00229802) and in Wales (1054). Accredited in Northern Ireland.

**Please Support Vincent Sullivan**

At the beginning of lockdown back in March Vincent Sullivan, one of the regular worshippers in our Benefice, decided to be disciplined and go for a daily walk and so far he has not missed a day!

Then in August he spotted a walking challenge where he could raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. So many fundraising events have been cancelled because of Covid-19 so they need help more than ever.

Please spread the word and more importantly, please make a donation using the Just Giving site, or speak to Vincent if you are unable to donate in that way.

## A Holy Day - 12th October - Edith Cavell, nurse

Edith Cavell is a good saint for NHS workers this year: she cared for the sick despite the danger to her own safety.

Edith was a vicar's daughter from Swardeston in Norfolk, where she was born in 1865. She became a governess, but her heart was for nursing, so she went on to train at the London Hospital, before nursing in various hospitals such as St Pancras and Manchester.

When Edith was 42, she decided to go abroad, and was appointed matron of a large training centre for nurses in Brussels. She was still there seven years later, when the First World War broke out and German troops invaded Belgium on their way to Paris and the Channel Ports.

Edith's nursing school became a Red Cross hospital, and she turned down the opportunity to return to the safety of England. Instead, her nurses tended wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies.

Sadly, in 1915, when the Germans began their occupation of Brussels, they took a dim view of Edith's work. But they would have been even more unhappy had they known she was helping to smuggle 200 British soldiers across the border into the Netherlands!

Finally, the Germans arrested Edith in August 1915, and put her into solitary confinement. They tricked her into confessing to a charge which carried the death penalty. But Edith refused to show either regret at what she had done, or any fear or bitterness towards her captors.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 1915, the night before her execution, Edith was visited by the Anglican chaplain to Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of *Abide with Me*, and Edith received her last Holy Communion.

She told Gahan: "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

Edith was shot by a firing squad next day, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915.

After the war her body was exhumed and buried in Norwich Cathedral. Her memorial service in Westminster Abbey attracted

### From Holsworthy Library

Holsworthy Library is now open for our normal hours (Monday 2-5, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1). We have worked hard to make it a safe and welcoming space - customers will notice a few changes (most recently the requirement to either scan the Test & Trace app or fill out a form on entry) but, the shelves are still full of brilliant books, the reservation system for requesting books from other branches is operating again and we have a public computer and photocopier available.

It has been great to welcome customers back into the library for browsing and borrowing. However, we are aware that not everyone is able to come into the library so, we would like to spread the word about some alternative services we offer for those who can't leave home or are uncomfortable doing so.

Firstly, Our Home Library Service delivers books to people unable to get to the library because of health, mobility or caring responsibilities. Dedicated volunteers choose and deliver books to your home, including large print and audiobooks, free of charge and in a covid secure way. Whether you are an avid reader or simply like to browse the occasional book we can help.

Another option is for customers who aren't able to come into the library is to nominate someone they know, a friend or family member as a "Good Neighbour" who can borrow books on their behalf and act as a point of contact and guarantor.

Also, we are still offering our "Choose and Collect" service where, by prior arrangement you can collect books from the library foyer without coming into the building itself. We are happy to select books for customers based on genres or authors you like or, you can use to reservation system to order specific titles if we don't have them in stock at Holsworthy.

Finally, don't forget about the fantastic range of digital offers which are available for free to library members. Everything from ebooks and audio books to online magazines and the genealogy website Ancestry.

For more information about all of these service contact [holsworthy.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:holsworthy.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) or call 01409 253514



## Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

You can also visit the Royal British Legion website where you can donate and download an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 Isaiah 25:1-9

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *I will dwell 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

### Philippians 4:1-9

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love  
and long for, my joy and crown, stand  
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.  
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be  
of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I  
ask you also, my loyal companion, help  
these women, for they have struggled  
beside me in the work of the gospel,  
together with Clement and the rest  
of my co-workers, whose names are  
in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord  
always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let  
your gentleness be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near. Do not worry about  
anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let  
your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses  
all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally,  
beloved, whatever is true, whatever is  
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is  
pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is  
commendable, if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things. Keep on doing  
the things that you have learned and  
received and heard and seen in me, and  
the God of peace will be with you.

## GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief  
priests and Pharisees in parables,  
saying: "The kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a king who gave a  
wedding banquet for his son. He sent  
his slaves to call those who had been  
invited to the wedding banquet, but  
they would not come. Again he sent  
other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who  
have been invited: Look, I have prepared  
my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves  
have been slaughtered, and everything  
is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'  
But they made light of it and went  
away, one to his farm, another to his  
business, while the rest seized his slaves,  
maltreated them, and killed them. The  
king was enraged. He sent his troops,  
destroyed those murderers, and burned  
their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The  
wedding is ready, but those invited were  
not worthy. Go therefore into the main  
streets, and invite everyone you find  
to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves  
went out into the streets and gathered  
all whom they found, both good and  
bad; so the wedding hall was filled with  
guests. But when the king came in to  
see the guests, he noticed a man there  
who was not wearing a wedding robe,  
and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you  
get in here without a wedding robe?'  
And he was speechless. Then the king  
said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand  
and foot, and throw him into the outer  
darkness, where there will be weeping  
and gnashing of teeth.' For many are  
called, but few are chosen."

## POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for  
this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is  
renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is  
given,  
when we shall feast at that table where  
you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

# LOOK

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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

Jesus tells a story about a king who organises a wedding feast for his son. The people who are invited don't want to go, so the king invites everyone he can find in the streets and lanes.

### COME TO THE FEAST

Help the people get to the wedding feast.



### Join us!

Here is a school playground. Can you find the children who are on their own? The other children want them to play.

Draw lines linking them to the group you think they would like to join.

Write the missing words on this invitation.

### Invitation

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (write your name)  
 you are \_\_\_\_\_ to church every \_\_\_\_\_  
 I hope you can \_\_\_\_\_ because I \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Signed, God

Love
Invited

### Party sudoku

Finish the grid of party food. Make sure that each row, column and mini-grid has just one of each type.


### A PRAYER TO SAY

Our Father, king of heaven, thank you for inviting us to your feast. Help us live in peace and joy, sharing your love with the people we meet. Amen.

Answers: invitation: you are invited to church every week. I hope you can come because I love you. Signed, God.

# 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.**