

19th March 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

| | Bridgerule | Hollacombe | Holsworthy | Pancrasweek | Pyworthy |
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| 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

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

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 - Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, 'holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

We sadly announce the death of Dorren Hughes who was widely known across the Benefice. Dorren was a long-standing member of Pyworthy church with her husband, and was also a headteacher at Bridgerule Primary school. Dorrens funeral will be held at 2pm on Thursday the 30th March, before being buried with her husband in St Swithun's Churchyard.

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.

Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick

Embargoed until Sunday 19th March to be read at in all services across the Benefice & Mission Community

The Bishop and patrons are pleased to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, the Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick has been appointed as Vicar in the Ruby Country Benefice (Consisting of the parishes of Ashwater, Black Torrington, Beaworthy, Clawton, Halwill, Highampton and Tetcott).

Paul currently is licensed in the Holsworthy Benefice. Previously Paul served as 'Head of Chaplaincy and Cultural Inclusion' at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Induction by the Bishop of Crediton will take place on the 25th May 2023 Venue to be Confirmed.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Either **Exodus 2:1-10**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Or **1 Samuel 1:20-end**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour,

and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM Either **Psalm 127:1-4**

R *The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain. **R**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of
toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R**

Or **Psalm 34:11-20**

R *O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.*

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who
do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them
from the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and

salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or **Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Either **Luke 2:33-35**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

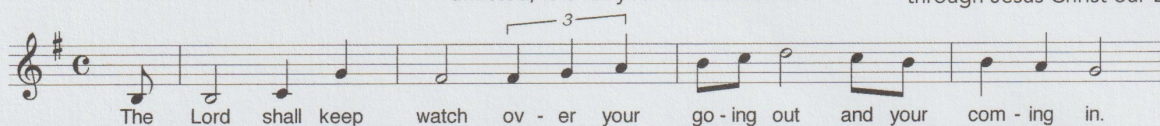
Or **John 19:25b-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the
food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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LOOK

Sunday 19 March 2023
John 9:1-41
4th Sunday of Lent

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

OPEN MY EYES 

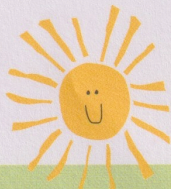
Jesus stops when he sees a man who has been born blind. Jesus puts paste on the man's eyes. When he washes it off, the man can see! Jesus helps us all to see clearly.

Word search

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Can you find these words from today's Gospel?

BLIND, OPEN, SEE, WAY, LIGHT, WORLD, EYES




Maze

Sometimes when we are worried it feels as though we can't see our way forward. Jesus our light will help us to see.


Jesus helps us see

Match the letters in the **left eye** to the letters in the **right eye** to make **six** words connected with **eyes** and **seeing**.

Eyes



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How many different sources of light can you find hidden on this page?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the beautiful things I can see. Help me to see the world and the people in it with your eyes. Help me to see with my heart and not just my eyes. Amen.

I am glad I can see...

Draw in the lenses of the binoculars some of the things that you like to look at.



Answers: blink, spy, see, look, view, spot.