



5th December 2021 - Advent 2

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridge-rule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Advent 2	5th Dec	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evening Prayer	11am Sung Eucharist		4pm Christingle Service
Advent 3	12th Dec	11am Sung Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist 6pm Holsworthy Town Carol Service		9.30am Sung Eucharist
Advent 4	19th Dec	6.30pm Joint Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
		3.30pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
Christmas Eve	24th Dec	3pm Crib Service		11pm Midnight Mass		11am Crib Service 7.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
		4pm Carols in the Square, Holsworthy				
Christmas Day	25th Dec	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9am Eucharist with Carols		
Boxing Day	26th Dec	10am Benefice All Age Service at Pancrasweek				

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers - pop in when you can	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
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Dates for your Diary

7/12, 14/12 7.30pm	Joint Advent Course - Songs of Advent	On Zoom - see below
4th Dec from 3pm	Christmas lights switch on	Holsworthy Square
8th Dec 2.20pm	Year 7 Carol Service	Holsworthy Parish Church
8th Dec 7pm	Holsworthy PCC	Rectory and Zoom
10th Dec 1.30pm	Holsworthy Primary School Christingle	Holsworthy Parish Church or Zoom
12th Dec 6pm	Town Carol Service by Candle Light	Holsworthy Parish Church
15-18th Dec 11am-7pm	Christmas Tree and Crib Festival - see next page	Holsworthy Parish Church

Text for the Week

Baruch 5:1

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Pyworthy Christmas Fayre

Despite the weather £800 was made on the day! Thank you to everyone who was involved and came.

Volunteers needed

Please put your name on the rota at the back of Holsworthy church to help with the Christmas Tree and Crib Festival. Or email Libbi. No help too small an offer.

The Meaning of the ADVENT WREATH



The winners of the Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th November
1st Prize, £18.25 ticket 140, Mick from Bodmin Street
2nd Prize, £3.65 ticket 131, Susan from The Vineyards

Symbol

Meaning

Circle	Eternity of God
Evergreen Wreath	Life, Immortality
Candle	Jesus is the light of the world.
4x Candles	Four weeks of Advent
3x Purple	Purple = prayer, penance, & preparation
1x Rose (Pink)	Rose = Rejoicing

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

15-18TH DECEMBER

11am -7pm each day Christmas Tree and Crib Festival - Free Entry
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

19TH DECEMBER

3.30pm Christmas Creative Church
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

6.30pm Bridgerule Carol Service
Methodist Chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE

11am Crib Service
Pyworthy, St Swithun's parish church

3pm Crib Service
Bridgerule, St Bridget's parish church

4pm Carols around the Christmas Trees
Holsworthy Square

7.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Pyworthy, St Swithun's parish church

11pm Midnight Mass
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of our Lord

9am Eucharist with Carols
Holsworthy, St Peter & St Paul's parish church

9.30am BCP Holy Communion with Carols
Hollacombe, St Petroc's parish church

10.30am Eucharist with Carols
Bridgerule, St Bridget's parish church

BOXING DAY

10am All Age Eucharist with Carols
Pancrasweek, St Pancras Parish Church

Tuesday 28th December

3pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Hollacombe, St Petroc's parish church

Christmas Tree and Crib Festival 2021

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Holsworthy

Wed 15th - Sat 18th December 2021, 11am - 7pm

Free Entry

Free arts and crafts for all ages

Refreshments and stalls



What's on during the Festival

All free unless stated otherwise

All subject to covid guidelines

Wednesday 15th December

2pm Holsworthy Community College Christmas Concert

4pm Folk Carols on the fiddle - Bob Beckford

7pm Concert with Carol Singing for all - Bude Choral Society, Tickets £5 or on the door

Thursday 16th December

2pm Holsworthy Primary School 'Sing Along Christmas'

Friday 17th December

2pm Christmas on the Organ - John Timbury

Saturday 18th December

2pm Christmas 'Come and Make' Christmas arts and crafts

Sunday 19th December

3.30pm Christmas Creative Church

God in the Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with 'The Annunciation to the Shepherds' by Sano di Pietro. It now hangs in the Vatican. It can be found at:

https://www.wikigallery.org/wiki/painting_232130/Sano-Di-Pietro/The-Annunciation-to-the-Shepherds

'In that region there were shepherds keeping watch over their flock'

In the Old Testament shepherds were greatly valued and treated with respect. Patriarchs, prophets and kings had all tended sheep. Job, a rich man, owned 14,000 sheep. David was tending sheep when he was called by God and anointed by Samuel.

But as the Israelites settled in towns and cities and turned to farming, attitudes towards the shepherds changed. As the New Testament opens, shepherding had become a dirty, lonely life, away from civilisation. Shepherds could not observe the daily rituals of their faith, and so they had a low status in society, looked down upon by orthodox Jews.

But out in the countryside with just the hills and the plains and the open air, St Luke tells us that it was there that God's message was proclaimed and heard. Cities and towns had walls and barriers, as Bethlehem has today. But in the fields at night, there were shepherds, watching and alert, ready for any eventuality. And so, they were the first to hear of the birth of a Saviour.

'The Annunciation to the Shepherds' is this month's painting by Sano di Pietro. We know little about this Italian artist apart from some dates. He was born in Siena in 1406 and died there in 1481. But he has left us a legacy of beautiful and sensitive paintings. As we look at this scene, we see the human details: two shepherds huddled by the fireside with their dog, all three looking up to see the angel, and a spear by the side to ward off thieves and predators. The sheep are safely in their pen, black and white fleeces huddled together for warmth. In the sky the angel appears, bearing an olive branch in one hand and with the other pointing to Bethlehem in the distance.

Luke has already told us of another annunciation, with Gabriel visiting Mary. Artists loved to portray this scene and often showed a lily, the symbol of purity, in their paintings. Here there is the olive sprig, a symbol of peace to reinforce the angelic message of peace in the birth of the Saviour. Luke goes on to tell us how Jesus brought new meaning and peace to all those like the shepherds who were nobody in the eyes of people, but everything to the eyes and heart of God.

Jesus in His teaching often turned to the theme of sheep and shepherds, with parables about lost sheep, gates to the fold, and hireling shepherds. Just as the faithful shepherds were prepared to give their lives to protect the flock, so Jesus the Good Shepherd gave His life for the world – a death that would bring the peace and reconciliation shown in that olive branch held by the angel. At this Christmas time we rejoice with the heavenly host to proclaim the birth of this Prince of Peace and we commit ourselves to that work of peace and shepherding. Howard Thurman wrote these words:

'When the song of the angels is stilled...
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.'

The Filo Project - What a difference a day makes

The Filo Project is a not-for-profit, community interest company, offering high-quality day care for small groups of older people in Somerset and Devon. As we continue to expand, we are actively recruiting across the region. We are looking to employ caring and empathetic people who would relish a varied and rewarding role as a host with the Filo Project.

A Filo host provides transport, a home-cooked lunch and offers a bespoke day, tailored to the interests and capabilities of the small group of people attending. No personal care is involved. You would be asked to devote one or two days a week to hosting and would need a home that is easily accessible, with a downstairs toilet and a 5-door car.

A day with The Filo Project is a day out with friends, and, at a stage of life where many older people often find themselves excluded, The Filo Project provides a social opportunity for people to make new friends and feel valued. Our hosts love the work they do.

For more information about becoming a host or joining a group, please visit our website: www.thefiloproject.co.uk or contact us on 0333 939 8225 / info@thefiloproject.co.uk

THE FILO PROJECT
collaborative care



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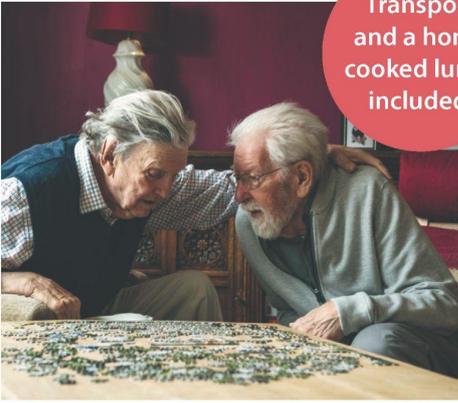
We support individuals across Somerset and Devon who are socially isolated, many experiencing symptoms associated with moderate dementia, including memory loss.



Transport and a home cooked lunch included.

Each day is provided by a Filo host and takes place in the warm and welcoming environment of the host's own home. The Filo Project provides a time and space where clients can engage in valued social roles and form connections. Time and again we see clients gain confidence and become revitalised and in addition, for those in a caring role, the day provides an opportunity for valuable time away from that role.

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Sunday 5 December 2021
 Luke 3:1-6
 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY



Make his path straight

Jesus wants to get to the people. Can you help him choose the quickest, easiest way?

John the Baptist tells us to get ready to welcome Jesus by making his path straight.

Listen to John the Baptist

John the Baptist says it is our job to make Jesus' path straight and smooth. We need to get ready for Jesus. What is John saying to you? Put the words in one or more of the speech bubbles. Colour the bubbles you are going to do this week.

Share my things

- say a prayer
- care for others
- speak kindly
- help at home
- try hard
- smile



Put it right

These children are doing something wrong. Unscramble the letters to find out what they need to say.



I am _ _ _ _ _

Choose one of the children and draw how he/she will change to show that they really mean they are sorry?



A PRAYER TO SAY

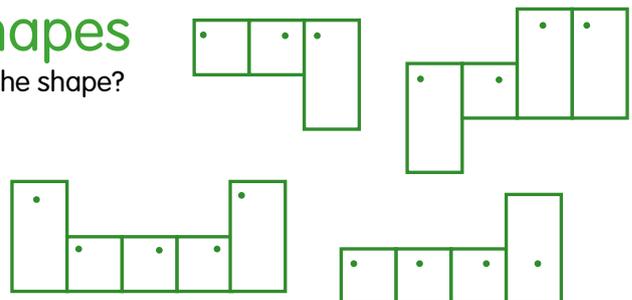
Please help me, Jesus, to make the way to my heart easy for you. Help me to say "sorry" when I need to and to change the way I behave if I am selfish. Amen.

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Word shapes

Which word fits the shape?

- path
- road
- way
- track



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COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Baruch 5: 1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Or **Malachi 3:1-4**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure

the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

CANTICLE Luke 1:68-79 (Benedictus) 

R *Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel.*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that

the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.