

4th Dec 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
4th Dec	11am Sung Eucharist	3pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		4pm Christingle
11th Dec	11am Morning Prayer		11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
11th Dec	6pm Town Council Carol Concert - St Peter and St Paul's Church, Holsworthy				
15th Dec			5pm Holsworthy Community College Carol Service		
18th Dec	6.30pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		3pm Carol Service
18th Dec	3PM - CREATIVE CHURCH PARTY				
24th Dec	3pm Crib Service		6.30pm Service - Christmas Communion with Carols		11am Crib Service & 7pm Vigil Christmas Mass
25th Dec	10am - Holy Communion	9.30am BCP Holy Communion			
28th Dec		2.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Refreshments After			
1st Jan	10am Benefice All Age Eucharist with Carols - Pancrasweek Church				

St Peter and St Paul's Church Holsworthy

Christmas Tree Festival



Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December
12.00 noon – 7.00 pm

Saturday 10th December
10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Free entry for all

Text of the Week - Romans 15:4-13

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another.

The winners of the Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th November were:

1st Prize, £18.75 – ticket number 36, Roger from Trewyn Park
2nd Prize, £3.75 – ticket number 143, Susan from Dobles Lane

Vision Meeting for appointment of new Benefice Rev'd at

Pancrasweek Hall 7pm 12th Dec

Vision evening for all PCC members, ministry team and any others who wish to come. Led by Archdeacon Verena.

The evening will build on the reflections of the past to begin shaping what to put in the Vision, Role and Person Spec sections of the Profile.

ALL WELCOME (Refreshments provided)

The 'special' choir with additional singers for the Town Carol Service on Sunday 11th December at 6.p.m. will rehearse on Friday 2nd December and Friday 9th December at 6.30 p.m on both occasions. Any else wishing to volunteer to sing will be welcome.

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 Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

PSALM Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19

R The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people. May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever. May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the

Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

POST COMMUNION

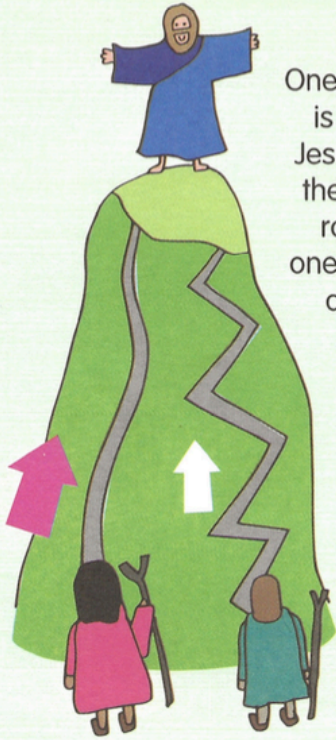
Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 4 December 2022
 Matthew 3:1-12
 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Which way?



One traveller is going to Jesus along the straight road, and one is going along the crooked road.

Which one will get to Jesus first?

John the Baptist is the prophet sent by God to tell us all to get ready to welcome Jesus. John asks us to repent, to turn away from anything that is bad and turn towards God. Anyone who is loving and kind is turning towards God and their hearts will be ready to welcome Jesus. Make Jesus' paths straight!

Spot the difference

PREPARE THE WAY

Can you spot **five differences** in these pictures of John the Baptist?

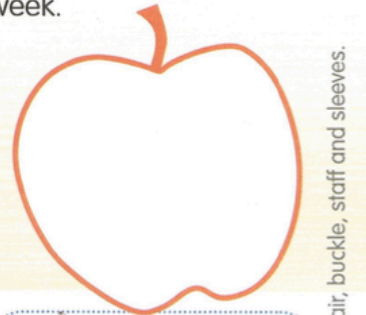


Good fruit

John wants everyone to stop doing bad things and do good instead. We show we are sorry and want to change by the good fruit in our lives.



Draw inside these fruits some of the good things you will do this week.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me to make it easy for you to come into my life. Help me to turn away from bad things and turn towards you. Amen.

Sorry

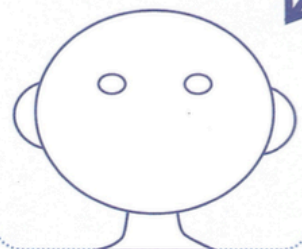
I want to say sorry to

I made the wrong choice when I

I forgot to

← Fill in the gaps

Draw a picture of you feeling happy.



Answers: The differences: Height, hair, buckle, staff and sleeves.