

# 16h April 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter

## Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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### Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
16th April	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel		9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism		9.30m Morning Prayer
23rd April	11am Joint Sung Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist
30th April	10am Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holsworthy				
7th may	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
14th May	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist
18th May	7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holsworthy - Ascension Day				

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April we have a Christians Together coffee morning in the Memorial Hall, starting at 9am until about 12 noon. Any raffle prizes, cakes, biscuits and anything to sell would be gratefully received. If you can bring things on the morning straight to the Hall that would be easiest but if not, please let me know and we can arrange something else. Also, HELP on the day would be great!!!

Thanks.

St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw – Ticket renewals for 2023/24 are now due. Tickets are again, only £12 for the year.

Methods of payment, cash or cheque (made payable to 'PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church') delivered to me at Lyndhurst, North Road EX22 6HB or by direct bank transfer – sort code 53-50-52, account 05007216 (please use name and/or ticket numbers as reference).

If none of these suit then I would be happy to collect from you, just contact me using the details below.

Renewals should be made by 19<sup>th</sup> April. You can have a many tickets as you like, so if you would like more, please let me know. The more tickets that are in the draw, the higher the prizes will be.

Thank you for supporting Holsworthy Parish Church.

Text of the week - Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God for in you have I taken refuge.



**COLLECT**

Almighty Father,  
 you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
 and to rise again for our justification:  
 grant us so to put away the leaven of malice  
 and wickedness  
 that we may always serve you  
 in pureness of living and truth;  
 through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ  
 our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING**

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

**Either Acts 2:14a. 22-32**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

**Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**

**PSALM Psalm 16**

**R** *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord,  
 all my good depends on you."  
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
 upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
 their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
 neither make mention of their names upon my lips.  
 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
 in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;  
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
 and in the night watches he instructs my heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
 he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.  
 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
 my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
 nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.  
 You will show me the path of life;  
 in your presence is the fullness of joy  
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Either 1 Peter 1:3-9**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with

an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Or Acts 2:14a. 22-32**

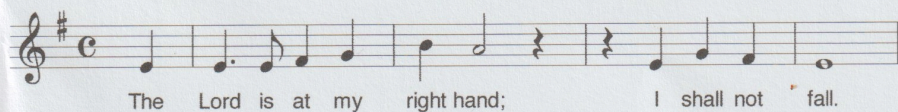
**GOSPEL John 20:19-end**

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

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**POST COMMUNION**

Lord God our Father,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 you have assured your children of eternal life  
 and in baptism have made us one with him:  
 deliver us from the death of sin  
 and raise us to new life in your love,  
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sunday 23 April 2023  
 Luke 24:13-35  
 3rd Sunday of Easter

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

**JESUS HAS THE ANSWERS**

**Jesus can help**

Jesus helps his two friends understand all that has happened. Do you sometimes need help understanding things? Who explains things to you when you don't understand?

Draw a picture of that person, write their name and say thank you to God for that person.



**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Help me, Jesus, when I don't understand things. Give me the courage to ask for help and the determination to keep on trying. Amen.

The disciples don't know what to do now Jesus has died. Two of them leave Jerusalem to go home. A stranger walks with them and explains how God always knew what would happen. The stranger joins them for food. When he breaks the bread they realise it has been Jesus all along! He is alive! Now they understand.

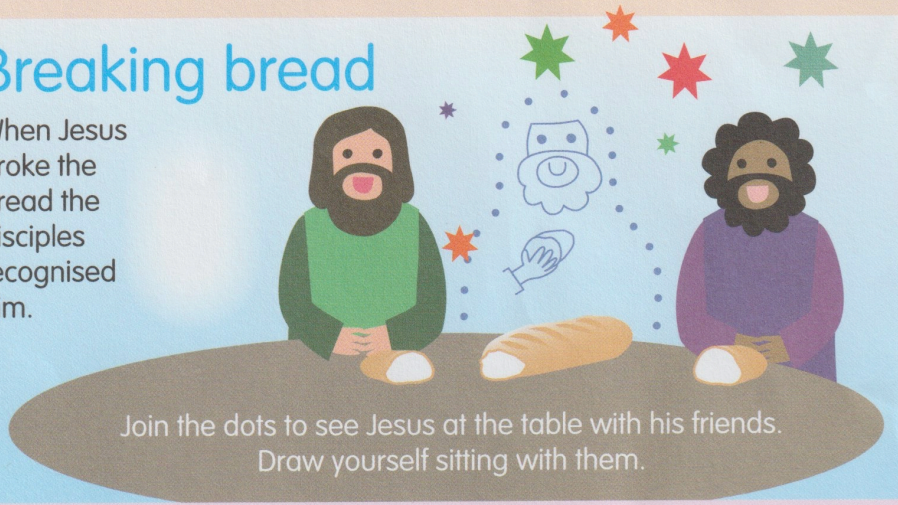
**Maze**

Help the disciples get from Jerusalem to Emmaus before dark.



**Breaking bread**

When Jesus broke the bread the disciples recognised him.



Join the dots to see Jesus at the table with his friends. Draw yourself sitting with them.

**Grace**

Use some of these words to make up your own Grace, or blessing, to say today. Then find them in the word search.

- LORD
- THANK
- YOU
- ALL
- MADE
- LOVELY
- FOOD
- HELP
- HUNGRY

