

# 30th April 2023 - Fourth 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
30th April	10am Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holsworthy				
7th May	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Coronation Celebration Service with tea to follow.	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				
21st May	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service

### The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20<sup>th</sup> April were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £14.75 – ticket number 132, Patrick from The Vineyards  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £2.95 – ticket number 147, Josh from Bodmin Street

As part of the Kings Coronation 'Big Help Out Day' on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, we are going to spring-clean Holsworthy Church. Please do come and join us and anyone who could give their time and energy would be very warmly welcomed.

We hope to clean specific areas and banish the cobwebs from 9.30am until 12.30pm! Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks

Text of the week - Psalm 23  
The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.



## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he 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 2:42-end

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Or **Genesis 7**

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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

Either **1 Peter 2:19-end**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or **Acts 2:42-end**

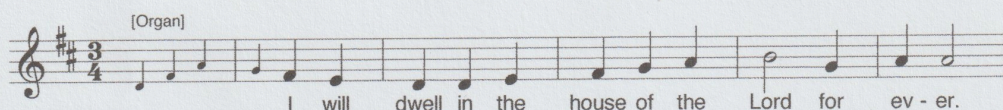
## GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down  
his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

**JESUS LEADS THE WAY!**

I can follow Jesus when I...



Jesus shows us how to live and asks us to follow him.



Draw or write in the footprints things that you can do today, to share Jesus' love.

Jesus goes up a hill and teaches his disciples. He tells them how people can be really happy. If we trust God, we will have the kind of happiness that lasts forever.

**Follow Jesus!**

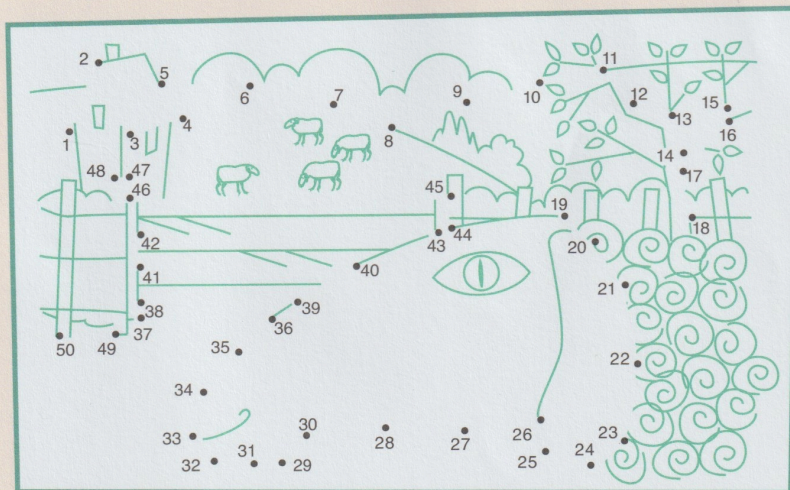
How many sheep are following Jesus the Good Shepherd?



Jesus calls us by name. Write your name in his speech bubble.



**Puzzle** Dot to dot of sheep in a field with a gate



**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Help me, Jesus, to listen to you. You show me the way to live. Help me to live like you, sharing love and kindness with everyone I meet. Amen.

**Spot the difference**

Can you spot five differences between these sheep?

