

7th May 2023 - Fifth 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
7th may	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Coronation Celebration Service with tea to follow.	9.30am Coronation 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
28th May	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer

Text of the week - Psalm 31

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold.

As part of the Kings Coronation 'Big Help Out Day' on Monday 8th 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.

I would like to express my deep thanks for the generous gifts from across the Benefice that were presented last Sunday. Sarah and I were delighted and she is already planning visits to the Garden centre! Just a reminder that you are all very, very welcome to my licensing on the 24th May. Paul & Sarah

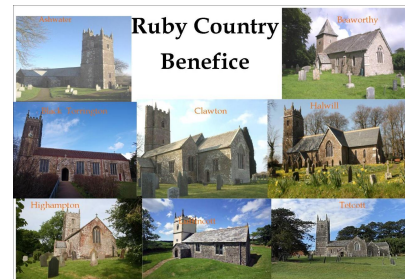
Pyworthy Coffee Morning
Come and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea with friends and neighbours

Saturday 3rd June 2023
10:30am – 12:30pm
6 Derriton Road, Pyworthy

Books, cakes, produce and spring plants on sale

Fund raising for our beautiful Pyworthy Church

The Licensing of Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick to Rector of
Ashwater, Black Torrington, Beaworthy,
Clawton, Halwill, Highampton and Tetcott:
The Ruby Country Benefice



The Benefice Churchwardens cordially invite you to the licensing of Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick to the Ruby Country Benefice by the Bishop of Crediton.

The Church of Saint Mary's, Black Torrington
Wednesday 24th May 2023, 7.30 pm

Refreshments to follow the service, in the village hall.

RSVP: val.iletheren@btinternet.com or s.graham@btconnect.com
before the 1st May please.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds
good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7:55-end

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and
the council, Stephen, filled with the
Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and
saw the glory of God and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God.
"Look," he said, "I see the heavens
opened and the Son of Man standing
at the right hand of God!" But they
covered their ears, and with a loud
shout all rushed together against
him. Then they dragged him out of
the city and began to stone him; and
the witnesses laid their coats at the
feet of a young man named Saul.
While they were stoning Stephen,
he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit." Then he knelt down and cried
out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not
hold this sin against them." When he
had said this, he died.

Or Genesis 8:1-19

PSALM Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16

R Into your hands I commend my
spirit, for you have redeemed me,
O Lord God of truth.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save
me, for you are my rock and my
stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your
name's sake. **R**

Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord
God of truth. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of
Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the
pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you
may grow into salvation – if indeed
you have tasted that the Lord is
good. Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals yet
chosen and precious in God's sight.
Like living stones, let yourselves be
built into a spiritual house, to be a
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through
Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a
cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame." To you then who
believe, he is precious; but for those
who do not believe, "The stone that
the builders rejected has become the
very head of the corner," and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey
the word, as they were destined to
do. But you are a chosen race, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's
own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of him who
called you out of darkness into his
marvellous light. Once you were
not a people, but now you are
God's people; once you had not
received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.

Or Acts 7:55-end

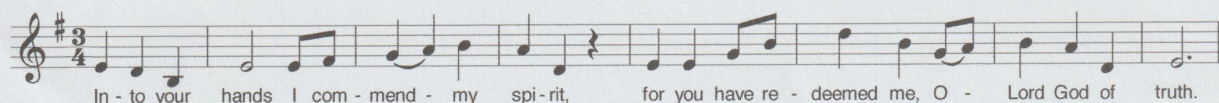
GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not
let your hearts be troubled. Believe in
God, believe also in me. In my Father's
house there are many dwelling-places.
If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again and will take you
to myself, so that where I am, there
you may be also. And you know the
way to the place where I am going."
Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do
not know where you are going. How
can we know the way?" Jesus said to
him, "I am the way, and the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me. If you know me,
you will know my Father also. From
now on you do know him and have
seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord,
show us the Father, and we will be
satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I
been with you all this time, Philip, and
you still do not know me? Whoever
has seen me has seen the Father. How
can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do
you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me? The words
that I say to you I do not speak on my
own; but the Father who dwells in me
does his works. Believe me that I am in
the Father and the Father is in me; but
if you do not, then believe me because
of the works themselves. Very truly, I
tell you, the one who believes in me
will also do the works that I do and, in
fact, will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father. I
will do whatever you ask in my name,
so that the Father may be glorified in
the Son. If in my name you ask me for
anything, I will do it."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.



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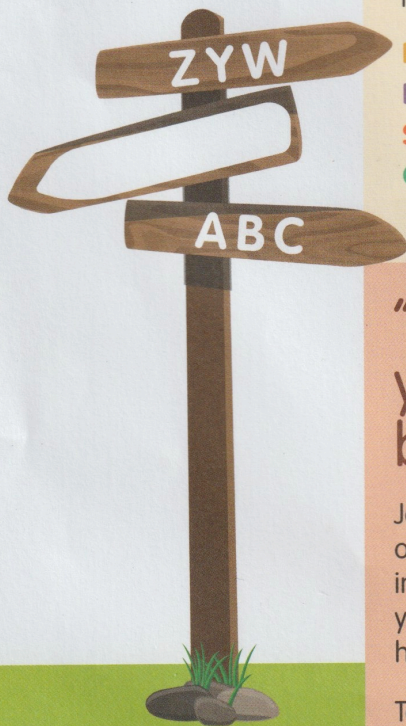
Sunday 7 May 2023
John 14:1-12
5th Sunday of Easter

In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS THE WAY

Jesus' sign

Write the word Jesus in the sign post and draw a picture of yourself and a friend walking in the direction of Jesus.

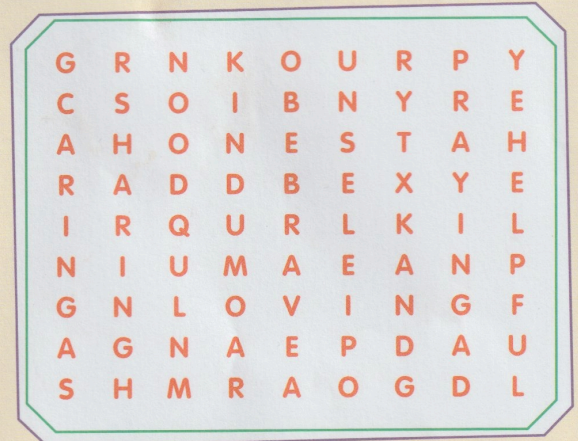


Jesus has to leave his friends. He is going to get a place ready for them to be happy together forever. Jesus wants his friends to be happy. They will be happy when they find God the Father and Jesus is the way to God the Father. If we want to know God the Father we just need to know Jesus, God the Son!

Word Search

Jesus' way is found in all these words

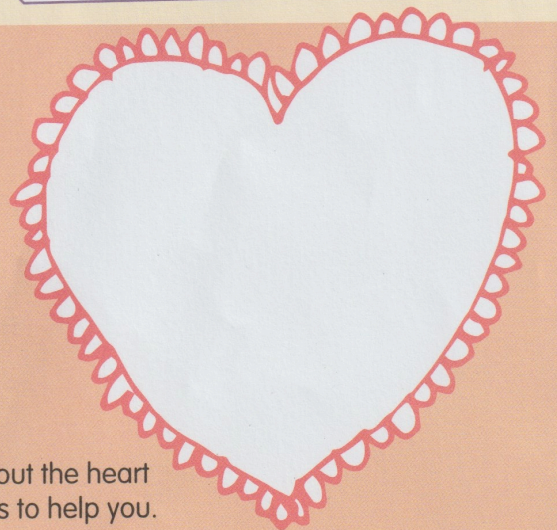
- PRAYING
- KIND
- SHARING
- CARING
- LOVING
- HONEST
- BRAVE
- HELPFUL



"Do not let your hearts be troubled"

Jesus wants to take away our worries. Write or draw in the heart anything that you are worried about at home or at school.

Talk to a kind grown up about the heart you have filled in. Ask Jesus to help you.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to walk in your footsteps and follow your way. I know I will be happy when I trust you. Amen.



Maze

Jesus promises his friends that he will come back and be with them always. Help Jesus find his way back to his friends.

