

21st May 2023 - Seventh 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
18th May	7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holsworthy - Ascension Day				
21st May	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am Special Rotation tide Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Eucharist Service
28th May	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer
4th June	11am Morning Prayer	7pm BCP Shankey Evening Refreshments afterwards	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer

The Licensing of Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick to Rector of
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.letheren@btinternet.com or s.grabham@btconnect.com
before the 1st May please.

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**

**A very big Thank you to all who
contributed to St Pancras Gift
day for Pancrasweek Church.
We raised £790.00 to go towards
the upkeep of the church.**

Thank you

Text of the week -Psalm 68
Let God arise and let his enemies be
scattered.



The Bishop of Exeter

10th May 2023

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that I will be retiring as Bishop of Exeter on 30th September. I have been a bishop for fifteen years, the last nine of which have been spent here in Devon as Bishop of Exeter. During that time, I have come to know and to love this county and its wonderful people. It is a diocese rich in history, of whose churches and communities I have become immensely proud. And all set in a landscape that has been a constant source of joy to me.

In August I shall be 69 and the time has come to pass on the baton of leadership. My years in Devon have been among the happiest and most fulfilling of my life. Throughout my time here, I have been supported by superb colleagues, both in the senior staff and my personal staff in the Gatehouse to whom I am especially indebted. The process for choosing my successor will begin in the autumn and during the vacancy-in-see my colleague, Bishop Jackie Searle, the Bishop of Crediton, will serve as Acting Bishop of Exeter.

In addition to my role as Bishop of Exeter, I have a number of national and regional responsibilities. It is my intention, therefore, gradually to disengage from public engagements from mid-July onwards so that I can both literally and metaphorically clear my desk. I want to make a good handover to whomever the Lord sends as the 71st Bishop of Exeter.

I will conclude my time in office at a special service in the Cathedral in the autumn when I will ceremonially hand back to the Dean the safe-keeping of the Diocesan crozier until my successor is installed. That is likely to be in the late Spring of next year. I do hope many of you will be able to come to the Cathedral for my farewell.

Over the years I have joked with our retired clergy that the word 'retirement' should really be spelt 're-tyrement' for the next leg in life's journey. I will be moving to Wiltshire and, although I will be laying down my pastoral staff, I hope to continue to serve God and his Church to the best of my ability, albeit from the back row.

It only remains for me to thank you for your kindness, patience, loyalty and good humour. You have taught me so much about what it means to be a Christian. It has been the privilege of my life to serve you as your bishop.

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

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COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
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 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Or **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end (or 68:1-10)

R *Sing to God, sing praises to his name.*

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R**

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
make music in praise of the Lord;
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. **R**

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel,
whose power is above the clouds.
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary,
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!
Blessed be God. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,

looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Or **Acts 1:6-14**

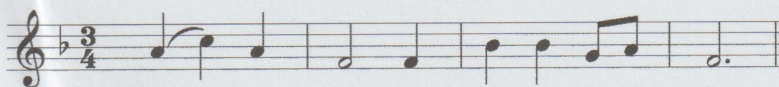
GOSPEL John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sing - to God, sing prai-ses to his name.



Sunday 21 May 2023
John 17:1-11
7th Sunday of Easter

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

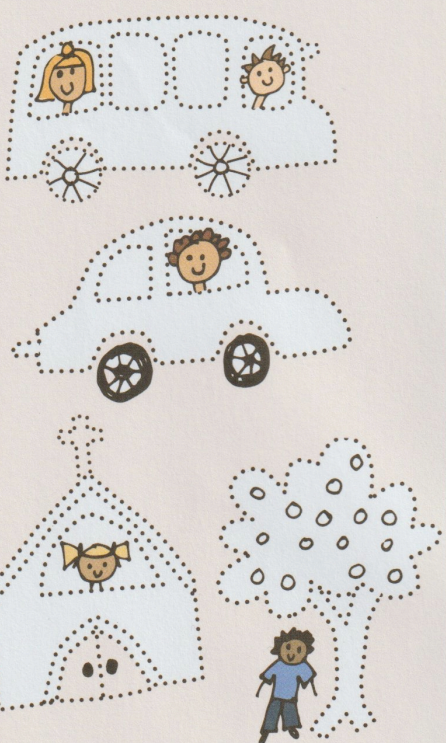
**SHARE
GOD'S LOVE**

Jesus prays for his friends. He is leaving them but he knows they will carry on his work, sharing God's love with everyone they meet. Jesus knows his friends will be happy. They know him and so they know God the Father. Nothing could be better!

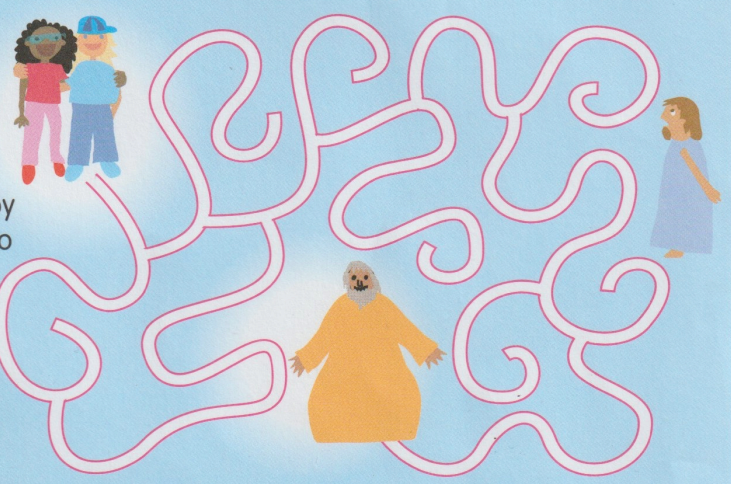
**Pray
everywhere!**
These children are all praying.

How can I do Jesus' work?

When we love other people are carrying on Jesus' work. Put a circle around one of the ways you are going to show love to someone today.



Maze
Can you help these people find their way to happiness by helping them to find their way to God? Jesus is helping. He is showing you the right way to go.



Join the dots to see where they are.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

PRAY!

Jesus promises his friends that he will always be with them, even when he goes to heaven.

How can we keep in touch with Jesus?

Cross out all the letters **B, X, Z** to find out!

**BIX ZCBAXNZ
PBRXAZY BTXOZ
BJXEZSBXUZS**

Answers: I can pray to Jesus

