



29th Oct 2023 - Bible Sunday

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
29th Oct	10am Benefice Service at Bridgerule				
5th Nov	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		3pm Benefice All Souls Service
11th Nov					10.55am Acts of Remembrance
12th Nov	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	3pm Evensong	10.55 Acts of Remembrance Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer with Acts of Remembrance
19th Nov	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist

The Licensing of Revd Alison Hardy as Rector of the Holsworthy Benefice.



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The Benefice churchwardens cordially invite you to
The Licensing of the Revd Alison Hardy
by the Rt Revd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton.
at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy
Sunday 26th November 2023 at 10.30am

Refreshments to follow the service.

All Souls Service
3pm, Sunday 5th November
Pyworthy Church
All Welcome

The PCC's of Holsworthy Benefice will be hosting a reception in the Memorial Hall, after Revd. Alison Hardy's installation on Sunday 26th November, to which all attendee's are invited. An outside caterer will be providing a light buffet, coffee and tea will be available and the bar will be open.

The charges involved will be split between the churches and we take this opportunity to invite donations from all congregations and friends to cover the costs. If you would like to make a donation please give it to a leader in your church where it will be most gratefully received. All donations will be pooled and this way we hope to cover the costs for all churches. Our target is to raise £700 and then with gift aid added we will easily cover costs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th October were:

1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 6, Mary from Kingdon Way

2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 176, Becca from Cranbrook

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	1st Oct	8th Oct	15th Oct	22nd Oct	29th Oct
Bradworthy Benefice					
Abbots Bickington				11.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Benefice Bible Sunday Service
Bradford			10am Morning Prayer		
Bradworthy			10am Family Worship (chapel)	7pm Harvest Service	
Milton Damerel		3pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Putford		11.30am Putford Harvest Service			
Sutcombe		9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	
Thornbury	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion with Hymns	6.30pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Ruby Benefice					
Ashwater	9.30am Harvest Service		9.30am Holy Communion		11am Benefice Holy Communion
Beaworthy		11am Harvest Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer	
Black Torrington	11am Harvest Holy Communion followed by lunch	11am Cafe Church	11am Morning Prayer		
Clawton		11am United Service		2pm Organ Dedication Service	
Halwill	11am Morning Service		11am Holy Communion		
Highampton				3.30pm Evening Service	
Tetcott	5.30pm Harvest Service & Supper				
Holsworthy Benefice					
Bridgerule	11am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	11am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion by extension.	10am Benefice Eucharist
Hollacombe	3pm BCP Evensong		9.30am BCP Holy Communion		
Holsworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Cafe Style Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pancrasweek				9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pyworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
 who caused all holy Scriptures
 to be written for our learning:
 help us so to hear them,
 to read, mark, learn and inwardly
 digest them
 that, through patience, and the
 comfort of your holy word,
 we may embrace and for ever hold
 fast the hope of everlasting life,
 which you have given us in our
 Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-4a [5-6] 8-12
A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; [And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.] So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your

God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

PSALM Psalm 119:9-16

R Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word?
 With my whole heart have I sought you;
 O let me not go astray from your commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
 that I should not sin against you.
 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth.
 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways.
 My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves

with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

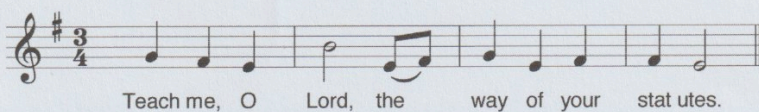
GOSPEL Matthew 24:30-35

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
 your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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LOOK

Sunday 29 October 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

LOVE IS THE ANSWER!

The religious leaders want Jesus to say which commandment is the greatest. Jesus tells them that love is the answer. First of all, love God and then love other people as much as we ourselves. By loving, we are keeping all the commandments!

Love me!

Imagine this is you.
Colour all the things you would like to say.



Jesus says we must love other people just as much as we want to be loved.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Please help me, Jesus, to love you and other people. Help me to show my love by the things I do. Amen.

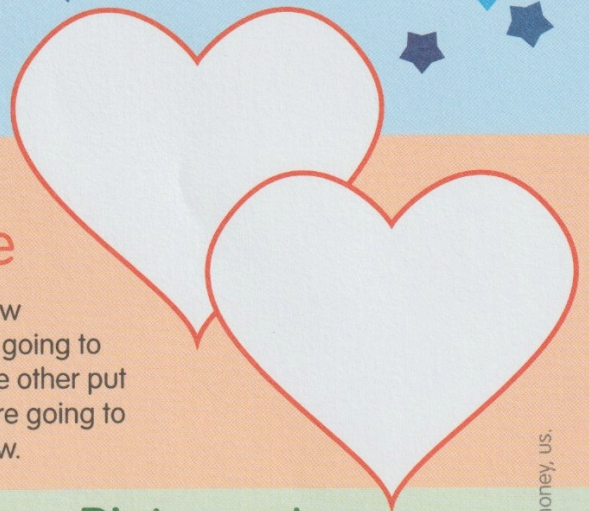
Puzzle

Fit these words in the grid:
LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART



Heart puzzle

In one heart, write or draw one special way you are going to love God this week. In the other put something special you are going to do for someone you know.



Picture story in a muddle

Michael is helping someone in school. He is doing what Jesus asked and is loving his neighbour. Can you put numbers on the pictures to show the right order for the story?



Answers: heart, feet, eyes, mouth, hands, bread, wine, money, us.