

# 11th Dec 2022 -Third Sunday of Advent

## Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
11th Dec	11am Morning Prayer		11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
11th Dec	6pm Town Council Carol Concert - St Peter and St Paul's Church, Holsworthy				
15th Dec			5pm Holsworthy Community College Carol Service		
18th Dec	6.30pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		3pm Carol Service
18th Dec	3PM - CREATIVE CHURCH PARTY				
24th Dec	3pm Crib Service		6.30pm Service - Christmas Communion with Carols		11am Crib Service & 7pm Vigil Christmas Mass
25th Dec	10am - Holy Communion	9.30am BCP Holy Communion			
27th Dec		2.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Refreshments After			
1st Jan	10am Benefice All Age Eucharist with Carols - Pancrasweek Church				

### St Peter and St Paul's Church Holsworthy

### Christmas Tree Festival



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
12.00 noon – 7.00 pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00 am – 6.00 pm

**Free entry for all**

### Vision Meeting for appointment of new Benefice Rev'd at

**Pancrasweek Hall 7pm 12th Dec**

Vision evening for all PCC members, ministry team and any others who wish to come. Led by Archdeacon Verena. The evening will build on the reflections of the past to begin shaping what to put in the Vision, Role and Person Spec sections of the Profile.

**ALL WELCOME (Refreshments provided)**

### Text of the Week -James 5:7

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

The 'special' choir with additional singers for the Town Carol Service on Sunday 11th December at 6.p.m. will rehearse on Friday 2nd December and Friday 9th December at 6.30 p.m on both occasions. Any else wishing to volunteer to sing will be welcome.

## COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your  
messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of  
your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready  
your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the  
world  
we may be found an acceptable people  
in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the  
Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and

gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## PSALM OR CANTICLE

Either **Psalm 146:4-10**

**R** *The Lord shall reign for ever.*

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong  
and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous; **R**

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow;  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.  
The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Alleluia. **R**

## Or Luke 1:46b-55 (Magnificat)

**R** *My soul doth magnify the Lord.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me  
and holy is his Name. **R**

And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm  
he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts. **R**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich he hath sent empty away. **R**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen  
his servant Israel

as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING James 5:7-10

*A reading from the letter of James.*

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.





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## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### JESUS BRINGS US JOY!

John the Baptist is God's messenger. He has been telling everyone about Jesus. Jesus is very special. He shows Jesus is special by what he does. Jesus brings life and goodness to everyone he meets.

### Message in a bottle

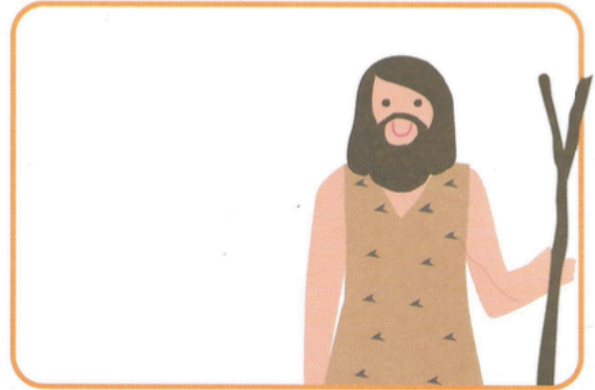
We can be God's messengers. We can show everyone what God's love is like. We can help people, just like Jesus did.



Draw a picture in this bottle of you helping someone this week.

### Happy

John the Baptist believes in Jesus. He is very happy. Jesus says everyone who believes in him is happy. Draw yourself next to John with a great big smile on your face too!



### Desert maze

People went into the desert looking for John. They wanted to listen to him so that they could become better people. Can you help the people through the desert maze so that they can find John?



### Miracles

Jesus helped lots of people. Answer the questions about his miracles to fill the gaps.

1. The dead have new?
2. Deaf people could?
3. Lame people were able to?
4. Those who were blind could?

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### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to make the world a better place just like you did. Help me to bring the message of God's love to the people I meet, through what I do as well as by what I say. Amen.