

23rd July 2023 - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
23rd July	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am All age Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist
30th July	10am Benefice Sung Eucharist at Pyworthy				
6th Aug	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
13th Aug	11am Sung Eucharist - Holy Communion by extension		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism
20th Aug		9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service
27th Aug	11am Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist Holy communion by Extension.
3rd Sept	11am Sung Eucharist Holy communion by Extension.		9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer

Holsworthy and Stratton Agriculture Show

Thursday 24th August

Christians together are looking for volunteers who would be willing to spend an hour or so at some point during the day dispensing tea/coffee and cake and hospitality in the Christians Together tent.

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Text of the week -Psalm 86

Teach me your way O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 12:13. 16-19**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Or **Isaiah 44:6-8**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Or **Genesis 28:10-19a**

PSALM Psalm 86:11-end

R All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore; **R**

For great is your steadfast love towards me,
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes. **R**

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

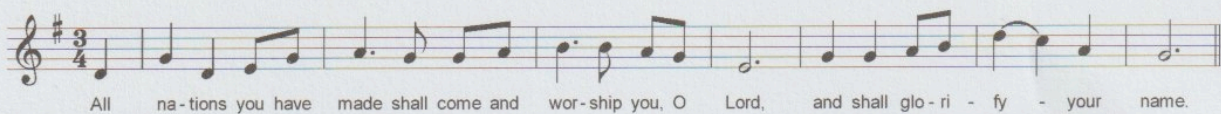
GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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LOOK

Sunday 23 July 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:24-43

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

GOD'S KINGDOM

From small to large

Jesus tells us that heaven is like a small seed that grows into a big tree. Draw lines from the small things on the left side that grow into big things on the right.



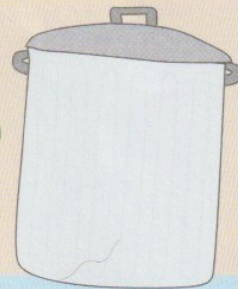
Jesus tells some stories, to explain what the kingdom of heaven is like. The kingdom of heaven might have very small beginnings, like a mustard seed, but it will grow. The seed in Jesus' story grows into such a big tree all the birds can find shelter in it. We can find shelter in God's love too, as we grow big and strong.

Making choices

Jesus says that heaven is like a field where both good and bad seed is sown. Both grow together, but, at the end, only the good harvest is collected and stored. We all do both good and bad things.

What are the good things you do?
Draw a picture or write about them.

What are the bad things you do?
Write them on the rubbish bin to be thrown away.



GOOD

Just like good wheat and bad weeds grow side by side in today's story, there is also both good and bad in all of us. How many times can you find the word "GOOD" in the word search? []

How many times can you find the word "BAD"? []

Which one wins, GOOD or BAD? _____

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D	G	O	O	D	O
G	O	O	D	B	O
G	O	O	D	A	D
B	D	B	A	D	B
B	A	G	O	O	D



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I know that you are helping me grow stronger in your love every day. Help me to make your kingdom real on earth by being kind to everyone I meet. Amen.

Heaven is like...

Finish colouring the pictures to show a little bit of heaven right where YOU are!

