



30th July 2023 - Eight 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
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.

Please contact Libbi on 07717750198/ holsworthybenefice@icloud.com

Text of the week
-Psalm 119

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as in your way with those who love your name.

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

1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 5, Bob from Kingdon Way
 2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 162, Danielle from Kingdon Way

Coffee Morning



Making Connections

*In the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 26th July*



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COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and 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 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Or **Genesis 29:15-28**

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**



The op'-ning of your word gives light.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over
me.

Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance upon
your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

LOOK

Sunday 30 July 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:44-52

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

SEARCH FOR TREASURE!

How much is the pearl worth?

Jesus tells us that heaven is like a pearl that is so valuable that people would pay anything to have it. How much is the man on the left offering for the pearl?

How much is the man on the right willing to pay?

Who will own the pearl in the end?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting us to be part of your special kingdom. Help us to build your kingdom here, now, by treating other people with the same love and respect that you always showed. Amen.

Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven is like the most special, valuable pearl that is worth searching for and finding.

My treasure

We can have many different types of treasure in our lives: it might be a person, a place, a memory, or a thing.

Draw a picture of your favourite treasure.

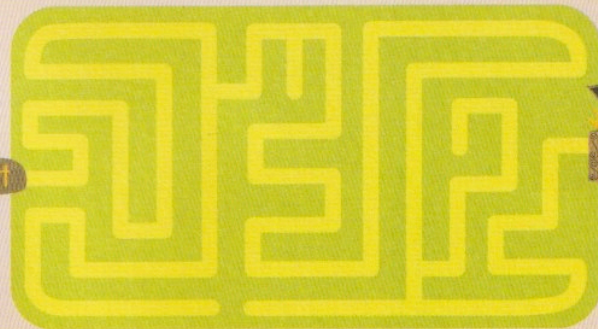


What is your treasure? _____

Why is this important to you? _____

Help the man find the treasure

Jesus told a story about a man who finds treasure in a field. He sells everything he has and buys the field because he wants the treasure.



Word search

Find the things that will help make our earth more like heaven.

- PRAYER
- PEACE
- CARE
- LOVE
- TRUST

P	R	A	Y	E	R
E	F	G	B	P	Z
A	D	H	Y	H	X
C	A	R	E	I	G
E	V	O	L	Q	R
Z	T	S	U	R	T

Answers: The one who is willing to pay: £100.