

# 20th Aug 2023 - Eleventh 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
20th Aug	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	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 Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
10th Sept	11am Harvest Eucharist	7pm Harvest Thanksgiving	11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist
17th Sept	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am All Age Service

**Text of the week -Isaiah 56:1**  
**Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.**

**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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Hollacombe  
 Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday  
 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.  
 Fr Stuart is leading Harvest Evensong and the Archdeacon of Barnstaple is preaching.  
 The service will be followed by refreshments and a Harvest Auction.  
 All Welcome



The Ruby Country Benefice will be running a 'Bereavement, Greif and Loss', training day for Worship Leaders, Churchwardens and anyone else who might be interested on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am-1500 at Ashwater village, Devon. The day will be led by Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick, who as well as being the Benefice Rector is a UK leading Doctoral Psychologist specialising in the area of loss.

This is a science and evidenced based presentation on how grief affects individuals and groups, it is not a therapeutic tool. This is the same package that the Welsh clergy and Prison Services engaged, although updated. The morning session will look at current, psychological evidence-based grief structures. The afternoon section is functioned upon 'narrative and story', and participants will be asked to bring with them any books, stories, diaries, novels, that they are happy to share that deals with grief. This event will include a 'bring and share' lunch. The morning will be hosted by St Peter's church, Ashwater for the presentation 1000-1200. Then move to Ashwater Parish Hall for an hour's lunch followed two hours on narrating grief which will conclude at 1500.

This training is fully funded so there is no cost to individuals but there will be limited spaces so early booking is strongly advised. Booking:.....

## COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Isaiah 56:1. 6-8

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

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Or **Genesis 45:1-15**

## PSALM Psalm 67

**R** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*  
God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL** (Short or long reading)

**Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

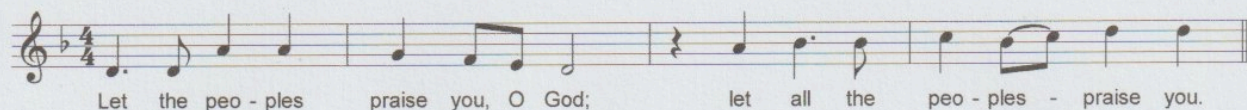
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides

of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ] Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



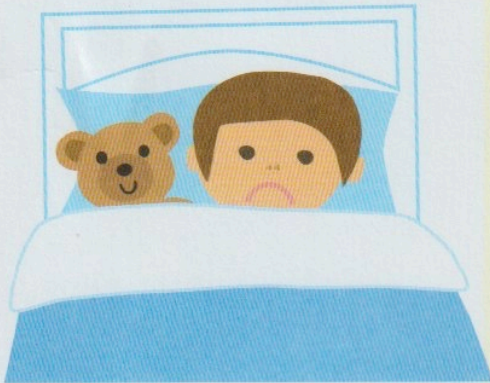


Sunday 20 August 2023  
 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 14:22-33

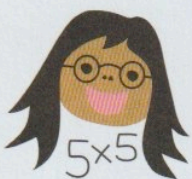
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**GOSPEL TODAY**

**ASK!**

**Who will help?**



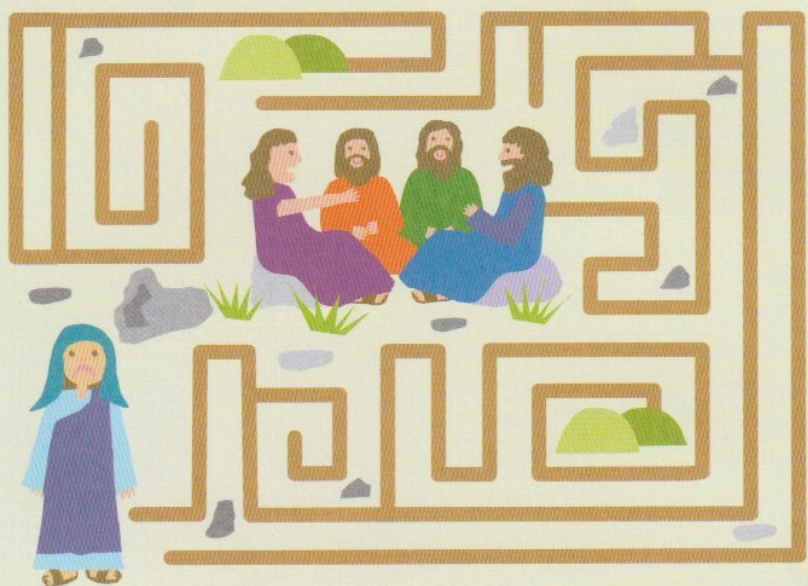
This boy is in hospital. Put a circle around the people who will be there to help him. Can you add anyone else?



A foreign woman from Canaan asks Jesus to heal her sick daughter. She asks and she asks - and she keeps on asking. Jesus sees the woman's great faith and makes her daughter well.

**Maze**

The Canaanite woman wants Jesus to heal her daughter. Can you help her find Jesus?



**An important word**

The Canaanite woman believed Jesus could help her daughter.  
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**Word search**

Can you find these words from the Gospel in the word search?

**FAITH ASK**  
**JESUS HEALS GIRL**

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S	K	K	S	A
K	G	I	R	L
J	E	S	U	S

How many times can you find **ASK?**

Why do you think "ask" is in the word search more than once?

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Thank you Jesus, for coming to help us all no matter who we are or where we are from. Help me to trust you and keep on praying, even if I don't seem to get an answer straight away. Amen.