

18th Dec 2022 - Fourth 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
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	10.30am - 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				
8th Jan	11am Sung Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
15th Jan	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
22nd Jan	Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer		9/30am Sung Eucharist

Text of the Week -Romans 1:1-7

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

St Peter & St Paul's, Holsworthy, would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way with our Christmas Tree Festival last week.

Whether it be that you helped to run the festival, decorated trees, came along to enjoy the display, gave generously in donations and sponsorship or helped to tidy up afterwards, your support is truly appreciated. We made a fantastic £714.32.

The winner of the 'Favourite Tree' this year was Holsworthy Rotary Club.

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin
Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,
"Ask a sign of the LORD your
God; let it be deep as Sheol or
high as heaven." But Ahaz said,
"I will not ask, and I will not put
the LORD to the test." Then
Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house
of David! Is it too little for you
to weary mortals, that you weary
my God also? Therefore the Lord
himself will give you a sign. Look,
the young woman is with child and
shall bear a son, and shall name
him Immanuel. He shall eat curds
and honey by the time he knows
how to refuse the evil and choose
the good. For before the child
knows how to refuse the evil and
choose the good, the land before
whose two kings you are in dread
will be deserted."

PSALM Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20

R Turn us again, O God; show the
light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are
enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and
Manasseh.

Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation. **R**
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your
people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of
tears;
you give them abundance of tears
to drink.
You have made us the derision of
our neighbours
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man at
your right hand,
the son of man you made so
strong for yourself.
And so will we not go back from
you;
give us life, and we shall call upon
your name. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, set apart
for the gospel of God, which he
promised beforehand through his
prophets in the holy scriptures,
the gospel concerning his Son,
who was descended from David
according to the flesh and was
declared to be Son of God
with power according to the
spirit of holiness by resurrection
from the dead, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Through Christ we have
received grace and apostleship
to bring about the obedience of
faith among all the Gentiles for
the sake of his name, including
yourselves who are called to
belong to Jesus Christ, To all
God's beloved in Rome, who are
called to be saints: Grace to you
and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-end

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

The birth of Jesus the Messiah
took place in this way. When his
mother Mary had been engaged
to Joseph, but before they lived
together, she was found to be
with child from the Holy Spirit. Her
husband Joseph, being a righteous
man and unwilling to expose her
to public disgrace, planned to
dismiss her quietly. But just when
he had resolved to do this, an
angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, "Joseph,
son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary as your wife, for the
child conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit. She will bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from
their sins." All this took place to
fulfil what had been spoken by the
Lord through the prophet: "Look,
the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel," which means, "God
is with us." When Joseph awoke
from sleep, he did as the angel of
the Lord commanded him; he took
her as his wife, but had no marital
relations with her until she had
borne a son; and he named him
Jesus.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin
Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your
grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will
and with her rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOOK

Sunday 18 December 2022
Matthew 1:18-24
4th Sunday of Advent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

DON'T BE AFRAID!

An angel tells Joseph in a dream not to be afraid. Mary's baby is the saviour! Joseph has a special job now. He is going to look after Mary and the baby – and they will call him "Jesus". Jesus will be "God-with-us"!

Break the angel code

Find out what the angel said to Joseph.



3 10 9 14 2 4

1 5 12 1 7 3

8 10 13 4 11 6!

CODE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	B	D	E	F	H	I
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
J	N	O	P	R	S	T

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me not to be afraid. Help me to trust you and know that you are always with me, just like Joseph did. Amen.

Good dad award

Joseph did what God wanted and looked after Jesus. What do you think makes a good dad? Draw or write your ideas on this award. You could award the rosette to Joseph or cut it out and give it to your own dad or a man who cares for you.



Find the way

Joseph is taking Mary to his house to look after her.



Help him find the way and get her there safely.

Word search

Can you find these words?

- JOSEPH MARY
- FATHER DREAM
- KIND ANGEL
- CARE GOD

There will be five letters left. Put them together in the right order to make a very special name.

A	N	G	E	L	F
K	I	N	D	U	A
J	M	A	R	Y	T
J	O	S	E	P	H
E	S	C	A	R	E
G	O	D	M	S	R



Answers: The angel code: Don't be afraid, Joseph! The special name: JESUS