

# 27th Aug 2023 - Twelfth 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
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 Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
10th Sept	11am Harvest Eucharist	7pm Harvest Thanksgiving	11am Cafe Style 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
24th Sept	11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer



## The Holsworthy Benefice

You may notice some changes taking place with the Holsworthy Benefice website in the coming months. This is because our website host, Church Edit, are in the process of introducing a new way in which we produce the website and its content.

To ensure continuity of our website after the end of September, when the old design will be switched off and lost, we have already moved the bulk of our existing site onto the new version of website design software. It is the new site that you will see if you look at [Holsworthybenefice.org.uk](http://Holsworthybenefice.org.uk)

This is quite a major job to undertake as we have to work on the desktop, tablet and mobile phone versions of the website. We will be working on this for some time as it is quite a slow process so apologies in advance if it takes a while to get it right.



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:.....

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.

**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than  
we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire  
or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which  
we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 51:1-6**

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

Listen to me, you that pursue  
righteousness, you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were  
hewn, and to the quarry from which  
you were dug. Look to Abraham your  
father and to Sarah who bore you; for  
he was but one when I called him, but  
I blessed him and made him many.  
For the LORD will comfort Zion; he  
will comfort all her waste places, and  
will make her wilderness like Eden, her  
desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people, and give heed  
to me, my nation; for a teaching will  
go out from me, and my justice for a  
light to the peoples. I will bring near  
my deliverance swiftly, my salvation  
has gone out and my arms will rule  
the peoples; the coastlands wait for  
me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up  
your eyes to the heavens, and look at  
the earth beneath; for the heavens will  
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear  
out like a garment, and those who live  
on it will die like gnats; but my salvation  
will be for ever, and my deliverance will  
never be ended.

Or **Exodus 1:8 – 2:10**

**PSALM Psalm 138**

**R** *Your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
endures for ever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with  
my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.  
I will bow down towards your holy  
temple and praise your name, because  
of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you  
answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise  
you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your  
mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.  
Though the Lord be high, he watches  
over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them  
from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against  
the fury of my enemies; your right  
hand will save me.  
The Lord shall make good his purpose  
for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures  
for ever; forsake not the work of your  
hands. **R**

**SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8**

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers  
and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living  
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. Do not  
be conformed to this world, but be  
transformed by the renewing of your  
minds, so that you may discern what  
is the will of God – what is good and  
acceptable and perfect. For by the  
grace given to me I say to everyone  
among you not to think of yourself  
more highly than you ought to think,

but to think with sober judgement, each  
according to the measure of faith that  
God has assigned. For as in one body  
we have many members, and not all  
the members have the same function,  
so we, who are many, are one body in  
Christ, and individually we are members  
one of another. We have gifts that differ  
according to the grace given to us:  
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry,  
in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;  
the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in  
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the  
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

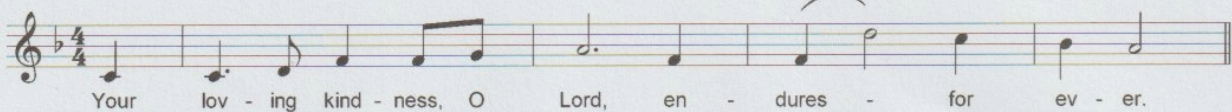
**GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20**

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

Now when Jesus came into the district  
of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his  
disciples, "Who do people say that the  
Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some  
say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,  
and still others Jeremiah or one of the  
prophets." He said to them, "But who  
do you say that I am?" Simon Peter  
answered, "You are the Messiah, the  
Son of the living God." And Jesus  
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon  
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has  
not revealed this to you, but my Father  
in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not prevail  
against it. I will give you the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you  
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will  
be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly  
ordered the disciples not to tell anyone  
that he was the Messiah.

**POST COMMUNION**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our  
sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in  
Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken  
world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Sunday 27 August 2023  
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 16:13-20

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

**ASK!**

Jesus chooses Peter to lead his followers forward as their Church begins to grow.

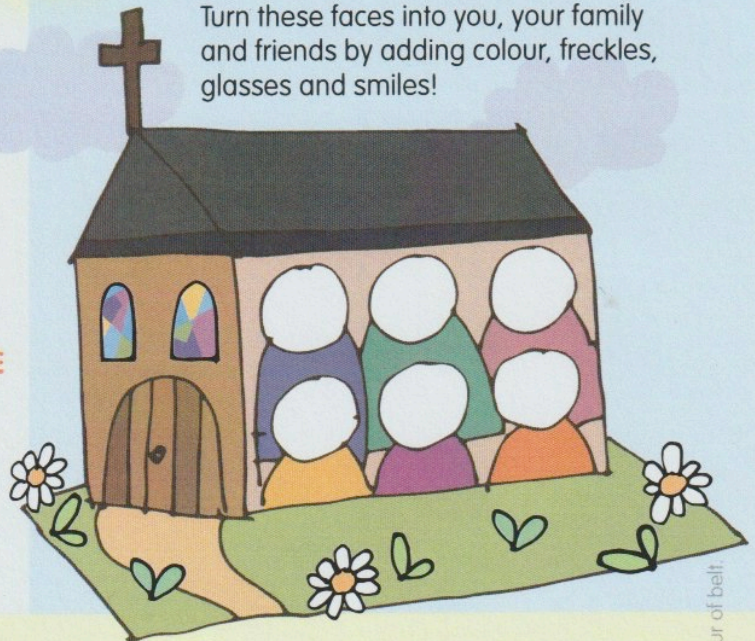
**Open the doors**

Peter has 7 keys for 7 doors. But which key opens which door?

**We are the Church!**

We are all part of Jesus' Church. Fill in the faces of your Church family.

Turn these faces into you, your family and friends by adding colour, freckles, glasses and smiles!



**Thinking about Jesus**

People think of Jesus in lots of different ways. Choose the ones you like best from the list to tell Jesus about who you think he is. Or make up your own...

Jesus I think you are .....

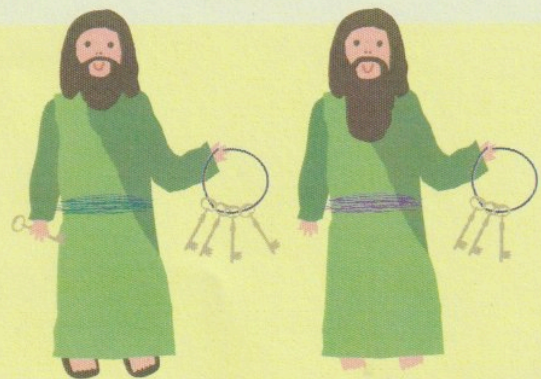
- God's Son
- Lord of the whole universe
- a miracle worker
- very kind
- my friend
- loving
- someone who understands

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

I know, Jesus, that I am not always perfect, but just like St Peter, I love you. Help me to follow his example and keep on trying to do what is right. I know you will always help me. Amen.

**Spot the difference**

Here are two pictures of Jesus' friend, Peter. Can you find the five differences in these pictures?



Answers: Number of keys on ring, key in hand, sandals, beard, colour of belt.