



**3rd Aug 2023 - Thirteenth 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
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
1st Oct	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	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:.....  
 Email - [vicar-rubycountry@outlook.com](mailto:vicar-rubycountry@outlook.com)

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.



# Sunday

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## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of  
your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to  
you;  
through him who was lifted up on the  
cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

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

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Or **Exodus 3:1-15**

## PSALM Psalm 26:1-8

**R** Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Give judgement for me, O Lord,  
for I have walked with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;  
I have walked in your truth.  
I have not joined the company of the false,  
nor consorted with the deceitful. **R**

I hate the gathering of evildoers  
and I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence,

O Lord,  
that I may go about your altar, **R**

To make heard the voice of  
thanksgiving  
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
Lord, I love the house of your habitation  
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 12:9-end

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I

will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

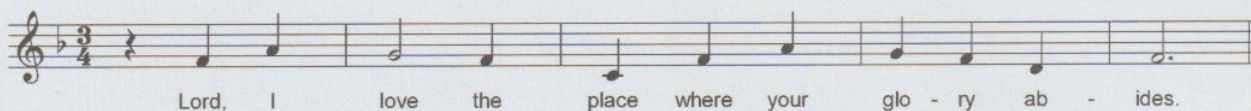
## GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-end

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

## POST COMMUNION

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true  
manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our  
earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





# LOOK

Sunday 3 September 2023  
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 16:21-27

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

When we follow Jesus, we are going by God's way. Sometimes it will be difficult and we will not understand God's way of doing things, but we must trust in God like Jesus did.

Put in some flowers by the roadside and a sun with a smiley face.

Draw a picture of yourself following Jesus along God's Way.

God's Way

**FOLLOW JESUS!**

## A coded message

Can you work out the code and find out this important message from Jesus?

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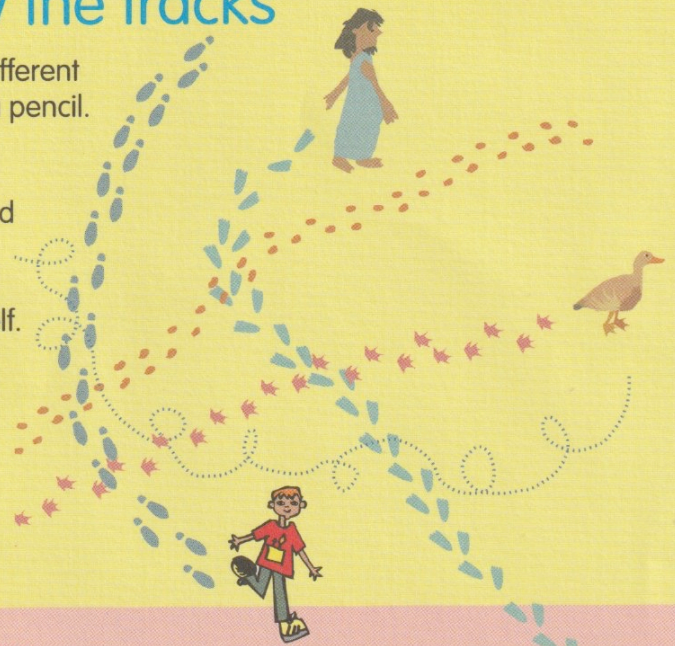
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## Follow the tracks

Follow the different tracks with a pencil.

You will find at least 5 and you could make some more yourself.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Sometimes, Jesus, I don't understand what's happening in my life. Help me to trust in your love. Help me to know that whatever happens you are there with me, walking with me. Amen.

## God's way

We follow God's way by thinking about other people before we think about ourselves. Tick the things that you can do to follow God's way.

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| I can be kind [ ]         | I can tidy up [ ]              |
| I can share my things [ ] | I can hit my sister [ ]        |
| I can shout at my mum [ ] | Do you have your own ideas?... |

Answers: Put other people first.