



17th Sept 2023 - Fifteenth 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
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 Harvest Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer
1st Oct	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
8th Oct	11am Morning Prayer		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
15th Oct	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist

Hollacombe Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 10th 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 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

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.

Holsworthy Church coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on 4th October. Please come and support us.

We would appreciate any items for the raffle or Tombola stalls, from food items to luxuries whatever you can gift. Please put in box at back of church. Thank you

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th August were:
 1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 164, Helen from Clawton
 2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 34, Lizzy from Oxford

Pancrasweek Church Harvest Service
24th Sept
9.30am
Refreshments afterwards
All welcome

Text of the week -Psalm 10
 Bless the Lord O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name.

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		3rd Sept	10th Sept	17th Sept	24th Sept
Bradworthy Benefice					
Abbots Bickington					11.30am Harvest Service
Bradford				10am Said Holy Communion	6.30pm Harvest Service
Bradworthy		3.30pm Benefice Welcome Service followed by 'bring and share' afternoon tea	9.30am Family Worship		10am Morning Prayer
Milton Damerel			10am Holy Communion with Hymns		9am Morning Prayer
Putford					
Sutcombe				11.30am Harvest Festival	9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Thornbury			10am Morning Prayer		
Ruby Benefice					
Ashwater		9.30am Baptism		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Baptism
Beaworthy			6.30pm Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer
Black Torrington		11am Holy Communion	11am Cafe Church	11am Morning Prayer	
Clawton			11am Cafe Church		11am Harvest Service with Holy Communion
Halwill		11am Morning Service		11am Harvest with Holy Communion	
Highampton					6.30pm Harvest Service
Tetcott		4pm BBQ 6pm Evening Service			
Holsworthy Benefice					
Bridgerule		11am Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Eucharist	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	11am Morning Prayer
Hollacombe			7pm Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	
Holsworthy		9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Cafe Style Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer
Pancrasweek					9.30am Morning Prayer
Pyworthy		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Or Exodus 14:19-end

PSALM Psalm 103:1-13

[or 103:8-13]

R *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; **R**

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; **R**

Who satisfies you with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed. **R**

He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. [The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So

then, each of us will be accountable to God.

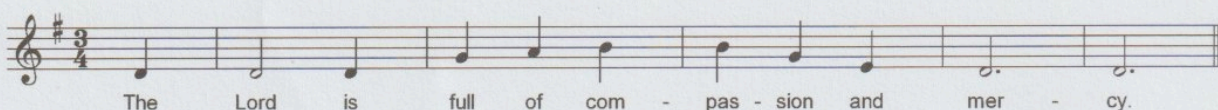
GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



LOOK

Sunday 17 September 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

In the GOSPEL TODAY

KEEP FORGIVING!

Find these hidden words which show some of the wrong things we might need to forgive other people for doing.

- HIT
- PINCH
- STEAL
- GRAB
- KICK
- KNOCK

S	E	R	T	G	J	K
H	I	T	O	G	B	N
G	R	I	T	R	H	O
K	S	T	E	A	L	C
W	K	A	L	B	E	K
P	I	N	C	H	R	D
A	C	S	T	O	D	H
S	K	H	N	K	F	N

Jesus tells us that we must keep on forgiving. We must forgive not just seven times, or seventy-seven times – but forever! God has forgiven us, so we can do the same.

Puzzle it out!

Sam's little sister pulled his hair. He's not sure what he should do but he knows the right answer is on one of these kites. Which one is it?



Read this story that Jesus told about a servant and a king

Once there was a who owed a lot of to the king. The let the off. The went out and met somebody who owed him a lot of . But the didn't let the man off. He threw him into . The was very angry. He said the should have acted like the king, and should have forgiven the man.

Grow in love

When we forgive someone, our heart grows bigger with God's love.

Can you put these hearts in size order, starting with the smallest?:

Smallest Biggest

Answers: Forgive her! F is the biggest, then a, d, b, c, e.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for forgiving me, no matter what. Please help me to forgive anyone who hurts me, no matter what. Amen.



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