



15th Oct 2023 - Nineteenth 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
15th Oct	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist
21st Oct					6pm Alter Blessing Service
22nd Oct	11am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion by Extension		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer
29th Oct	10am Benefice Service at Bridgerule				

As you will know, at Scripture Union, we are passionate about helping churches with their mission to reach and journey with children and young people who are not regularly in church.

That is why I am so excited to let you know about a brand new tour that we will be doing this term. 'Mission Possible' is all about helping churches to grow in effective mission to children and young people. We have taken the findings from some research we carried out and have developed an interactive evening that explores 5 principles of effective mission. As well as delving into these principles, you will also go away with lots of practical ideas that you can use in your context.

To find out more and book your place please click [Mission Possible Tour | Scripture Union](#)

The event that is nearest to you is: 18th Oct 2023 Pancrasweek church, Pancrasweek (between Holsworthy & Bude), EX22 7JS 7:15 for 7:30pm start

The evening is aimed at anyone who is involved with youth and children's work, so please do invite others to join you and forward this message to them.

Do get back to me with any questions and I look forward to seeing you soon.

The PCC's of Holsworthy Benefice will be hosting a reception in the Memorial Hall, after Revd. Alison Hardy's installation on Sunday 26th November, to which all attendee's are invited. An outside caterer will be providing a light buffet, coffee and tea will be available and the bar will be open.

The charges involved will be split between the churches and we take this opportunity to invite donations from all congregations and friends to cover the costs. If you would like to make a donation please give it to a leader in your church where it will be most gratefully received. All donations will be pooled and this way we hope to cover the costs for all churches. Our target is to raise £700 and then with gift aid added we will easily cover costs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Holsworthy Church Choir

The choir is set to recommence practices on Thursdays at 3.30 p.m. from October 19th onwards. Practices will last for up to an hour with the main focus on the Town Carol Service (December 10th 6 pm). It will include a new 2023 composition by Bob Chilcott, written at the instigation of the C of E for this year's "Follow the Star" initiative. Anyone who enjoys singing, regardless of an inability to sing, is very welcome to join us. If you want to know more or know of someone who might be, speak to the Director of Music, John Timbury at church or on 259421.

GREGORY STEWARD

PROFESSIONAL TENOR

presents

*An evening of Classical
Favourites and
'Songs from the Shows'*

*Les Miserables
Carousel
South Pacific*

St Leonard's Church, Clawton

Thursday 26th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10 in advance - £12 On The Door
to include refreshments

To book tickets contact Irene 01409 254572
Or Any PCC member Under 18s Free

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	1st Oct	8th Oct	15th Oct	22nd Oct	29th Oct
Bradworthy Benefice					
Abbots Bickington				11.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Benefice Bible Sunday Service
Bradford			10am Morning Prayer		
Bradworthy			10am Family Worship (chapel)	7pm Harvest Service	
Milton Damerel		3pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Putford		11.30am Putford Harvest Service			
Sutcombe		9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	
Thornbury	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion with Hymns	6.30pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Ruby Benefice					
Ashwater	9.30am Harvest Service		9.30am Holy Communion		11 am Benefice Holy Communion
Beaworthy		11am Harvest Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer	
Black Torrington	11am Harvest Holy Communion followed by lunch	11am Cafe Church	11am Morning Prayer		
Clawton		11am United Service		2pm Organ Dedication Service	
Halwill	11am Morning Service		11am Holy Communion		
Highampton				3.30pm Evening Service	
Tetcott	5.30pm Harvest Service & Supper				
Holsworthy Benefice					
Bridgerule	11am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	11am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion by extension.	10am Benefice Eucharist
Hollacombe	3pm BCP Evensong		9.30am BCP Holy Communion		
Holsworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Cafe Style Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pancrasweek				9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pyworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Either **Isaiah 25:1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Or **Exodus 32:1-14**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell your house for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these



things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

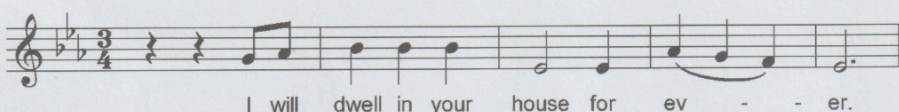
GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 15 October 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

LOOK

In the GOSPEL TODAY

COME TO THE PARTY!

The invited guests don't come to the wedding, even though everything is prepared and ready for them. Instead, the king invites people from the streets to celebrate his son's marriage. In the same way, God is inviting us all to enjoy with him!

Party!

Put a circle around all the things that you would like to have at a party.



Parties need people!

Even if we have all these great things, without people we can't have a party on the left.



God invites

to join the party in heaven!

Dear God,
Thank you for your invitation.

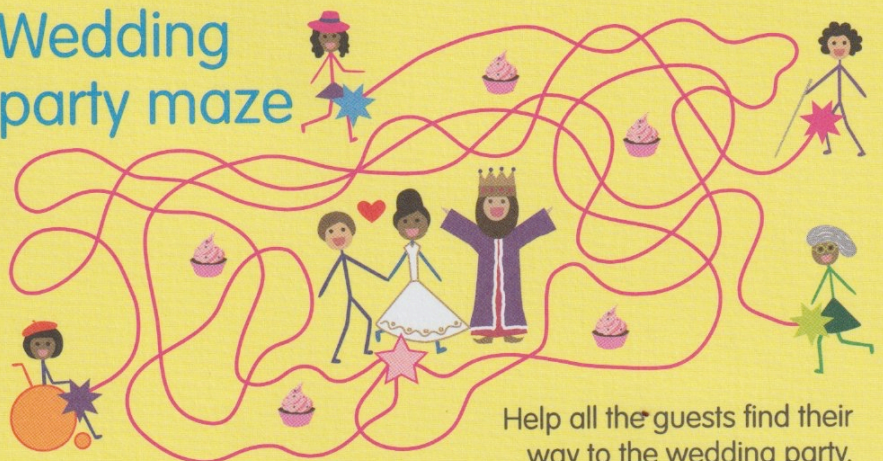
will/will not be at your party in heaven.

Decorate this invitation and fill in your name. Then tell God you will be coming!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting me to be happy with you. Help me to always say "yes" to you and grow more like you every day. Amen.

Wedding party maze



Help all the guests find their way to the wedding party.