



14th November 2021 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

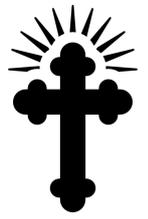
Holsworthy Benefice

Bridge-rule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in the Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
2nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	14th Nov	10.55 Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	11.30am Anvil Corner Act of Remembrance	10am Eucharist with Act of Remembrance		9am Eucharist with Act of Remembrance
Remembrance Sunday	14th Nov	2.30pm Parade in the Square followed by Remembrance service at Methodist Church				
Christ the King	21st Nov	Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30 BCP Holy Communion	11am Eucharist		9.30 am Morning Prayer
Christ the King	21st Nov	3.30pm CREATIVE CHURCH for All Ages, St Peter and St Paul's church				
Advent 1	28th Nov	11am Ecumenical All Age Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Advent 2	5th December	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		4pm Christingle Service

Weekly via Zoom - All Welcome

Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayers - pop in when you can	Zoom details; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276? To join by phone: 0131 460 1196 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: benefice
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Dates for your Diary

23/11, 30/11, 7/12, 14/12 7.30pm	Joint Advent Course - Songs of Advent	On Zoom
27th Nov 11-3pm	Pyworthy Christmas Fayre	Pyworthy Village Hall
25th Nov 6pm	Holsworthy PCC	Rectory and Zoom
28th Nov 6pm	Advent Carol Service	Holsworthy Parish Church

Text for the Week

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures
for evermore.

PYWORTHY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

27th November 2021
Pyworthy Village Hall
11am-3pm



THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died as a result of war and acts of terrorism.

The names of those from the are who were killed during the 1st and 2nd World Wars are read out.

Veteran/Member of the Armed Forces says

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A young person or Veteran/Member of the Armed Forces says

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

THE TWO MINUTE SILENCE

Veteran/Member of the Armed Forces says

When you go home, tell them of us and say.
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Minister

Everliving God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



Joint Advent Course on Zoom
Songs of Advent - from Luke's Gospel
A 4-part Advent Bible Study by John Birch



Songs are very much at the centre of our celebrations of Advent and Christmas, and have been so for many since childhood, maybe taking part in a school nativity play even if not growing up within a Christian family. The Christmas carols we love are an eclectic mix, some with origins more in the country inn, sung as a rousing chorus, rather than in a Cathedral to a choral setting. Lots have been handed down from generation to another and they continue to retain their popularity. How many who sing them in carol services once a year understand the meaning of the words is always a mystery, but the fact that they are sung is good news!

Luke's Gospel has a series of songs as part of his introduction to the story of Jesus, and these have been handed down to us within our Bibles, and as part of the liturgical life of the Church. Many will recite (if not sing) the Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis and Benedictus as part of their regular worship, so the words are familiar. But maybe they haven't been looked at as often in their actual context, leading up to and just beyond the birth of Jesus.

The studies follow an identical pattern, with a musical theme after an opening prayer.

DATES OF SESSIONS (ALL ON ZOOM):

Tuesday 23/11, 30/11, 7/12, 14/12 all at 7.30pm.

Please email Libby York on admin@holsworthybenefice.org.uk if you would like to attend. Libby will send you the Zoom link and information about the first session.

If you would like to take part but do not use Zoom or have a computer please let Mother Elizabeth know.

God in the Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with El Greco's 'The Saviour'. If you use the picture from Wikimedia Commons, please give the following credit: 'El Greco, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons'



'All you who pass this way, look and see'

The philosopher Wittgenstein gave the following advice to people visiting an art gallery or exhibition: never try to rush through all the paintings on show, but instead choose just one painting. Sit in front of it for twenty minutes. Then get up and leave the art gallery. It is difficult advice to take to heart because we feel we want to get our money's worth from an exhibition, especially if we have paid an entrance charge. Once in the gallery we then feel so overawed by the number of paintings on show and the pressure of the crowd that we go quickly from one canvas to the next.

The rushing around at a gallery is part and parcel of the way we meet each day. We rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone else is rushing. Our world seems set in the fast lane. Carl Honoré in his book 'In Praise of Slow' tells how, as a busy journalist, he experienced a flashback to a time in his youth when life was unhurried. He reflects, with regret, that it was a better life then.

If we do want to take Wittgenstein's advice seriously and find ourselves in the National Gallery in Edinburgh, we could do no better than choose to sit in front of this month's painting: El Greco's 'The Saviour'. El Greco was born in 1541 in Crete. From Greece he travelled to Venice and Rome and finally to Toledo in Spain where he died in 1614.

His art is a fusion of eastern and western traditions, given extra fervour by the Counter-Reformation and resulting in a unique style of painting. His canvases are peopled by elongated figures who seem always to be straining upwards, just as the Counter-Reformation was exhorting the faithful to set their sights on heaven as they made their journey through life.

In his early years in Crete El Greco trained as an icon painter, and that is much in evidence in 'The Saviour'. It shows a half-length figure of Christ – he was to paint a fuller figure later. This Christ like an icon is looking out at us, with his right hand raised to bless us and this world, while the left hand holds that same world in His care. We can see in the eyes an inner strength, but also the poignant sadness of longing for this is a Saviour who has come through suffering and death to bring us new life.

As we look and see, we find here in El Greco's work a Christ-calmed steadiness amid the spinning world of rush and busyness. The nearer we draw to this Jesus, the slower we will find ourselves spinning. The duties and responsibilities that demand so much from us take their place in the wider perspective of the Saviour's grace and love. Then we can begin to experience that peace which the world cannot offer, but which Christ can bring.

The first step in that process is to stop and look. The Curé d'Ars, a parish priest in France in the early 19th century, told how he noticed an old man sitting at the back of his church every day. He didn't seem to be doing anything, just sitting there in the same place at the same time, looking towards the Blessed Sacrament on the High Altar. Eventually the young priest became suspicious. He asked the man what he was doing. 'I'm praying,' came the reply. 'Yes, but what exactly is it you do?' enquired the priest. 'Well, I look at Him and He looks at me.'



Operation Christmas Child – 2021 - Traditional and Online

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

Again this year we are encouraged to pack a shoebox as usual but there is also the option to pack a shoebox online if you want to avoid visiting shops to purchase items to place in your shoe box.

If you want to pack a shoebox online please visit this website.
<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>



The Traditional Way

Due to restrictions caused by Covid-19 some adjustments have been made this year to the way in which we handle Operation Christmas Child. We have to be a little stricter this year about the collection of the shoeboxes into church and how we then take them to the drop-off collection point. We will therefore only have one collection date in church and we will only be making one visit to the drop-off collection point. For those of you who wish to pack your own shoebox we want you to bring your completed shoebox to Holsworthy church, including the £5 donation for transport costs, by the **10.00am Said Eucharist on Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)**. Sadly, any boxes delivered to the church after that date will not go to the drop-off collection point this year.

How to pack a shoebox

Find a Shoebox

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. (labels for you to cut out can be found at the end of this information)

Fill with gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. See our Gift Suggestions below for more ideas.

Make your project donation

A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. More detail on what your donation covers can be found on the Samaritans Purse website. You can enclose cash or **preferably a cheque (to Samaritan's Purse)** and **place it in an envelope inside** your shoebox on top of the contents.

Drop Off Your Shoebox

Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and **bring it to Holsworthy church by Sunday 14th November**.

Gift Suggestions

On the Samaritan's Purse website there is a very comprehensive guide as to what can go into a shoebox. It lists the types of items to include for girls or boys and in the age ranges of 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. The list is too big to include here but if you are able to visit their website here is the web address you need.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox/>

Here are some gift suggestions for you if you are not able to look at the website.

TOYS

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or cuddly toys, toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

OTHER ITEMS

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, slinky spring, matchbox cars.
Due to more stringent import regulations, sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.
Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

Are the boxes checked?

Yes, but not by us in church. All boxes need to be checked by a volunteer at one of the Samaritan's Purse warehouses in order to ensure the contents are appropriate and suitable for customs purposes in the receiving country. The boxes are then sealed, which are next opened by the receiving child. Occasionally staff at Samaritan's Purse need to remove an item that is not suitable for sending.

Labels

For your convenience the labels to go on your box are on the next page. Please cut out , fill out and stick onto your shoebox. If you are not able to print the labels you can always write one out by hand making sure you state boy or girl and the age range.

Further information about Operation Christmas Child can be found at this website address:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel.
"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 16



R *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord, all my good depends on you."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**
Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain

(that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

BE GENEROUS!

Who will give to charity?

Follow the tracks to find out whether the rich man or the poor widow is going to give money to charity today.



Jesus warns us against putting on a show and thinking we look good while really being mean and nasty. We are living as God asks when we are generous and we trust God, like the poor widow who gives all she has to the Temple.

Follow God's law

Jacob's mum is very busy. Jacob wants to help. Circle the ways that he can be very generous with his time and help his mum.



How much money?

The rich man has dropped his bag of money! Some coins have rolled away around the page. Count them and write the number in the box.



I can share

We can be generous to people in many ways.

Draw yourself sharing your sweets with a friend.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me not to care too much about what people think of me. Help me to care more about how loving and generous I am, so that I grow to be like you. Amen.

Answers: Ten coins - fifteen including the ones on the puzzle!

Mark the correct age category:

- 2-4 Years Old
- 5-9 Years Old
- 10-14 Years Old



BOY



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