

# 1st Jan 2023 -Naming and Circumcision of Christ

## Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
1st Jan	10am Benefice All Age Eucharist with Carols - Pancrasweek Church				
8th Jan	11am Sung Eucharist		11am All Age Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
15th Jan	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
15th Jan	3PM - CREATIVE CHURCH				
22nd Jan	Joint Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer		9/30am Sung Eucharist
29th Jan	10am Plough Benefice Eucharist - Pancrasweek Church				
5th Feb	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
12th Feb	11am Sung Eucharist		11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist

### Christmas reflection from Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick.

Advent is my favourite time of the year. I have previous memories of steaming coffeeshops reflected in the darkness outside. My university Carol Service packing out the Cathedral with the glowing happy faces on long held friends, Mince pies and Christmas fairs. This year we walk, bounded by hedgerows in the crisp cold air, home from Church with Sarah, under an icy night sky, lit up with planets and stars; a Barn Owl ghosting over the hedgerows and our local Vixen barking a warning. Fresh memories made now with new friends and in beautiful churches. Different times but the same magic; the 'not yet' time of anticipating, the wonder of the arrival of the Christ-child on earth.

This year has seen changes. Elizabeth has left us for a wonderful new post in the Scilly Isles, having seen us all through the Pandemic and reorganisation; she is sadly missed. Our quest for a new Minister is in full swing. We have seen a positive ecological review of all our Churchyards with significant community tree planting in two of them and surveys/work run out in others. Mission planning (across the Deanery) is happening apace, with exciting children and family engagement in progress, and the significant 'Anna' Community Chaplaincy project a major development taking us into the new year. But above all the selfless and endless humour, planning, work, and discipleship of our extended church family, remains my brightest memory of this year – Thank you.

As Advent is accomplished, the stillness of churches which have stood centuries, quietly serving, filled with prayer, the light of candles bouncing off the walls, the voices of carols and children, the scent of Christingle oranges; mark this time as different, special, hallowed, and Christ-filled; may I wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and the very best of new years.

# Sunday

1 January 2023 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was  
circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our  
sake  
and given the Name that is  
above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear  
his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of  
the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the  
Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### Numbers 6:22-end

*A reading from the book of Numbers.*

The LORD spoke to Moses,  
saying "Speak to Aaron and  
his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall  
bless the Israelites: You shall say  
to them, The LORD bless you  
and keep you; the LORD make  
his face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you; the LORD  
lift up his countenance upon  
you, and give you peace.' So  
they shall put my name on the  
Israelites, and I will bless them."

## PSALM Psalm 8

**R** O Lord our governor,  
how glorious is your name in  
all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens  
is praised out of the mouths of  
babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold  
against your foes, that you

might still the enemy and the  
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you  
have ordained,  
What is man, that you should be  
mindful of him;  
the son of man, that you should  
seek him out? **R**

You have made him little lower  
than the angels  
and crown him with glory and  
honour.

You have given him dominion  
over the works of your hands  
and put all things under his  
feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of  
the sea  
and whatsoever moves in the  
paths of the sea. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Galatians 4:4-7

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

When the fullness of time had  
come, God sent his Son, born  
of a woman, born under the  
law, in order to redeem those  
who were under the law, so that  
we might receive adoption as  
children. And because you are  
children, God has sent the Spirit  
of his Son into our hearts, crying,  
"Abba! Father!" So you are no  
longer a slave but a child, and if  
a child then also an heir, through  
God.

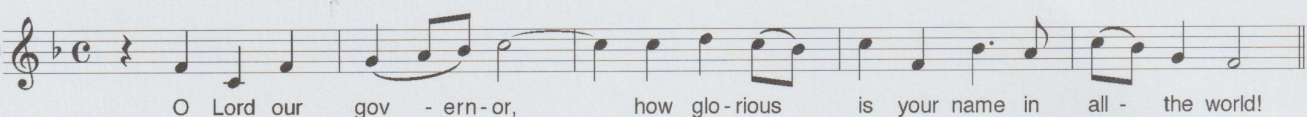
## GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

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

When the angels had left them  
and gone into heaven, the  
shepherds said to one another,  
"Let us go now to Bethlehem  
and see this thing that has taken  
place, which the Lord has made  
known to us." So they went  
with haste and found Mary and  
Joseph, and the child lying in  
the manger. When they saw this,  
they made known what had been  
told them about this child; and  
all who heard it were amazed at  
what the shepherds told them.  
But Mary treasured all these  
words and pondered them in her  
heart. The shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God for  
all they had heard and seen, as it  
had been told them. After eight  
days had passed, it was time to  
circumcise the child; and he was  
called Jesus, the name given by  
the angel.

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
whose incarnate Son was given  
the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared  
in this sacrament of our  
salvation  
may live out our years in the  
power of the Name above all  
other names,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.



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