



8th Jan 2023 - Epiphany Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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| Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome | | | | | |
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| | Bridgerule | Hollacombe | Holsworthy | Pancrasweek | Pyworthy |
| 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 |

Happy New Year

**Vision Meeting for appointment
of new Benefice Rev'd
at**

Holsworthy Church 7pm 11th Jan

Vision evening for all PCC members, ministry team and any others who wish to come. Led by Archdeacon Verena. The evening will build on the reflections of the past to begin shaping what to put in the Vision, Role and Person Spec sections of the Profile.

ALL WELCOME (Refreshments provided)

**The winners of the St Peter's
Monthly Jackpot Draw
drawn on 20th December
were:**

**1st Prize, £18.75 – ticket
number 75, Mel from
Glebelands**

**2nd Prize, £3.75 – ticket
number 121, Karen from
Petrockstowe**

COLLECT

O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples
 of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 72:[1-9] 10-15

R *The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.*
 Give the king your judgements, O God,
 and your righteousness to the son of a king.
 Then shall he judge your people
 righteously
 and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace,
 and the little hills righteousness for the people.
 May he defend the poor among the people,
 deliver the children of the needy and
 crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and moon
 endure,
 from one generation to another.
 May he come down like rain upon the
 mown grass,
 like the showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish,
 and abundance of peace
 till the moon shall be no more. **R**

May his dominion extend from sea to sea
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes kneel before him
 and his enemies lick the dust. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall
 pay tribute;
 the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring
 gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;
 all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
 the needy and those who have no helper.
 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
 he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from
 oppression and violence,
 and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
 Long may he live;
 unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
 may prayer be made for him continually
 and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance

with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

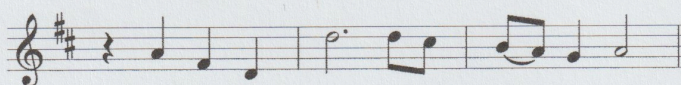
GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
 the bright splendour whom the
 nations seek:
 may we who with the wise men
 have been drawn by your light
 discern the glory of your presence in
 your Son,
 the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our
 Lord.



The Lord is king; let the earth - re-joice.

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Sunday 8 January 2023
 Matthew 3:13-17
 The Baptism of the Lord

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

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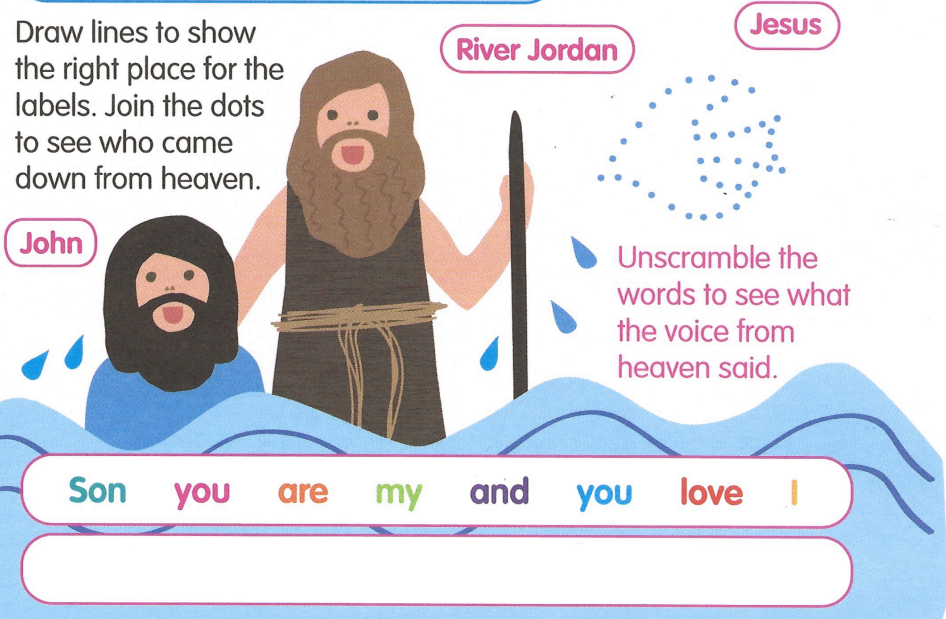
Can you find out who God has sent to guide us and protect us? Start with **H** and write down every other letter to find out.



Jesus is baptised by John in the river Jordan, just as God wants. When Jesus comes up out of the water, the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. A voice from heaven says, "This is my Son, I love him and I am pleased with everything that he is doing."

JESUS IS BAPTISED!

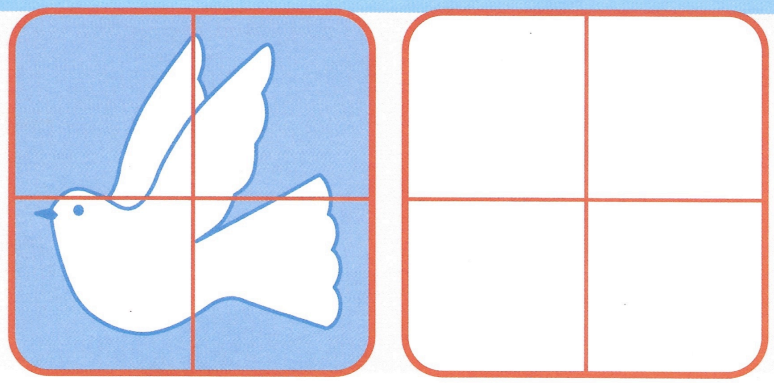
Draw lines to show the right place for the labels. Join the dots to see who came down from heaven.



Unscramble the words to see what the voice from heaven said.

A dove to draw

The Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. Use the squares to copy the picture of the dove. Then perhaps you could have a go without the squares to help you.



A PRAYER TO SAY



Father God, thank you for loving me. Amen.

Listen with your heart

This is what God is saying to you. You can hear God speaking to you with your heart. Close your eyes. Imagine God saying these words to you. Use your heart to listen to God's words.

.....(your name), you are my child.
 I love you. I am proud of you.

Answers: You are my Son and I love you. Holy Spirit