

15th Jan 2023 - Baptism 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
15th Jan	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
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
19th Feb	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
22nd Feb	7pm Benefice Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes				

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended the vision meeting on the 11th Jan. It was a great turn out and very productive.

Text of the week - Isaiah 49:1-7

I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength.

Deanery Meeting

Archdeacon Verena warmly invites you and fellow PCC officers to an open meeting of the Holsworthy Deanery on **Tuesday February 7th at 7.30pm** at the Bradworthy Memorial Hall - The Square, Bradworthy.

All Welcome

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM Psalm 40:1-12

R *Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.*

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my
footing sure. **R**

He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that
follow a lie. **R**

Great are the wonders you have done,
O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with
you.

If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to
express. **R**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you
have not required,
then said I: "Lo, I come. **R**

"In the scroll of the book it is written of
me that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my
heart."

I have declared your righteousness in the
great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know. **R**

Your righteousness I have not hidden in
my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness
and truth from the great congregation.
Do not withhold your compassion from
me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness always
preserve me. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will

also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

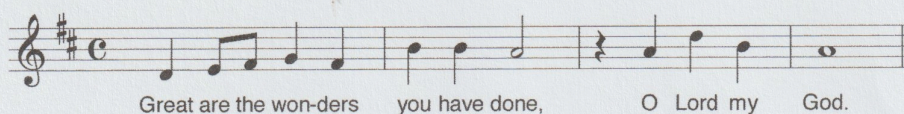
GOSPEL John 1:29-42

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.



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LOOK

Sunday 15 January 2023
John 1:29-34
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS SPECIAL

"Look!" says John the Baptist when he sees Jesus. "It's Jesus, the lamb of God!". John knows Jesus is God's Chosen One because the Holy Spirit came and rested on Jesus when he was being baptised.

Have a guess!

Could someone tell by looking at US that we think Jesus is important? When we do what Jesus says we are showing he is important. Put a tick by the children who are showing that Jesus is important.

Knowing Jesus

We can't see Jesus like John did – but we know he is special. Follow the strings and find out some of the ways we can get to know Jesus.



How can I share what believe?

- I can **TELL** my friends
- I can **LISTEN** to their worries
- I can **HELP** at home
- I can **CHAT** to Jesus
- I can **TALK** about the Gospel
- I can **SHOW** I am a Christian

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Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to show that I know you and think that you are important. Help me to treat the people I meet with love and kindness. Amen.

Signpost

John pointed the way to Jesus. Write or draw something in this signpost; something you could do, to tell everyone how important Jesus is.

