

Holsworthy Benefice

August News Sheet

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
26 th July	11am All Age Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
2 nd Aug	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
9 th Aug	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
16 th Aug	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
23 rd Aug	11am All Age Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
30 th Aug	10am Benefice Service at Bridgerule				
6 th Sept	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
13 th Sept	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Harvest Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
20 th Sept	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11am Harvest Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
27 th Sept	11am All Age Harvest Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am Family Harvest Service	9.30am Morning Prayer

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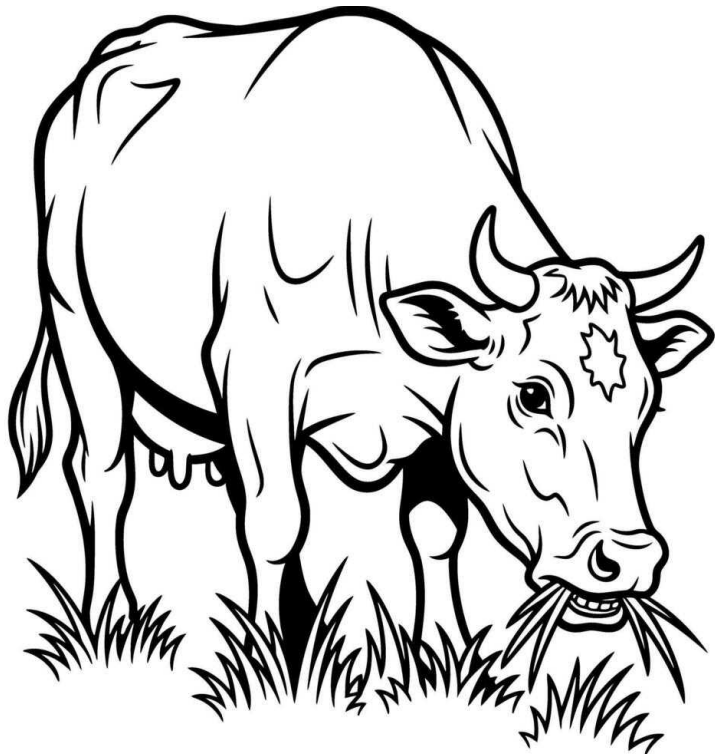
Dear Friends,

The summer holidays are here! Normally we would be hoping for good weather for school children. This year we are waiting on rain. I pray that we receive it: enough to produce healthy crops and feed grazing livestock; not so much rain that we are in risk of flooding. There is a delicate and important balance between enough and too much.

Please spare a thought for our farmers. It is very hard on them when precious winter forage is being used now to feed hungry livestock in bare fields. It is worrying when they desperately need to make more silage and the grass is not there to be cut. Pray for rain, for yourselves and for those who produce the food we eat.

And also, pray for God's blessing on all people. When God blesses he provides even in difficult and challenging times. When God blesses we flourish more than we even think possible. All things are possible with God.

Heavenly Father,
we ask for your blessing on our farmers.
Provide the rain they need in season
and the crops they depend upon for their livestock and livelihood.
Give rain and sun, growth and harvest.
We thank you, in Jesus' name.



Stories from July

Year 6 Transition Services

Each year a group of Year 6 pupils move on from Primary School to Secondary in one of the biggest changes they face during their school years. Whilst the majority of Holsworthy Primary Schools move to Holsworthy Community College, not all of them do so, and pupils from Bridgerule Primary School move on to a variety of local colleges.

To help with this big step, and to offer encouragement, a copy of Scripture Union's: *It's Your Move: YOUR GUIDE TO THRIVING AT SECONDARY SCHOOL* was given to each pupil in July as a gift from the churches.



Teddy Small

The youngest and newest members of our Primary Schools also each received a gift from the churches in July. A hand-knitted *Teddy Small* was presented to each Reception Year pupil during a lesson on welcoming difference through caring for one another. Pupils listened to the story and then chose the bear they would care for. Every bear is carefully knitted by local knitters and every bear is different – just as every child is different. Thank you to those who knitted the bears. New knitters are always welcome and knitting patterns are provided.



Notices

Saturday 1st August – Bridgerule Carnival Day

10.30am Bridgerule Village Hall:

Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning for St Bridget's Church

12noon Baptism in St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule

Tuesdays & Thursdays in August – Creative Church Summer

10am-12noon Holsworthy Church: free family activities

Wednesday 5th – Christians' Together

7.15pm Bodmin Street Methodist Church, Holsworthy

Saturday 8th – Chalice Assistants' Training

11am St Peter & Paul's

2.30pm – Cream Tea

Hollacombe Annual Cream Tea

Saturday 15th – Wedding

2pm St Peter & Paul's, Holsworthy

Thursday 27th – Show Day

All day Holsworthy & Stratton Show, visit Creative Church in the Christians' Together Marquee, free refreshments all day

Looking ahead: ~

Monday 14th September – Ark

3.30-4.45pm at the Rectory, youth discipleship for pupils in years 5 – 8

Next session 28th September, then every Monday during term time

Thursday 3rd September – Home Group

10 – 11.13am at the Rectory.

Daytime home group in addition to Tuesdays 7-8.30pm.

CREAM TEA

— IN AID OF —
**HOLLACOMBE
CHURCH**

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

FROM 2.30PM

Everyone welcome!

Join us for tea, scones and a chat in support of
our beautiful parish church.
Hollacombe Church, Hollacombe, EX22 6NW



Creative Church Summertime

August 2026 every Tuesday and
Thursday

10am - 12pm

Free

St Peter's and Paul's Church
Holsworthy
(Thursday 27th we will be at the
showground)

Refreshments

Activities

Storytime, crafts, games



All children must be accompanied by an adult
For more information please contact
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Readings for July and Aug

2nd Aug– Green–Ninth Sunday after Trinity -

Isaiah 55: 1-5, Psalm 145: 8-9. 15-end, Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 13-21

9nd Aug – Green–Tenth Sunday after Trinity -

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85: 8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14: 22-23

16th - Green–Eleventh Sunday after Trinity -

Isaiah 56: 1. 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11: 1-2a 29-32, Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

23rd Aug- Green–Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51: 1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20

30th Aug- Green–Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15: 15-21, Psalm 26: 1-6, Romans 12: 9-end, Matthew 16: 21-end

6th Sept - Green–Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Psalm 119: 33-40, Romans 13: 8-end, Matthew 18: 15-20

13th Sept - Green–Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50: 15-21, Psalm 103: 1-13, Romans 14: 1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35

20th Sept - Green–Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jonah 3: 1-end of 4, Psalm 145: 1-8, Philippians 1: 21-end, Matthew 20: 1-16

27th Sept - Green–Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 18: 1-4. 25-end, Psalm 25: 1-8, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21: 23-32.

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Holsworthy Foodbank

Samaritans

Age UK -

Domesic Abuse – Womens Aid

Domesic Abuse – Mens Advice Line

Childline

01271 377077

116 123

0808 055 6112

0808 2000 247

0808 8010 327

0800 111

Sunday

2 August 2026 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 55:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Or **Genesis 32:22-31**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end 
[or 145:15-end]

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great
goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his
creatures. **R**

[The Lord upholds all those who
fall
and lifts up all those who are
bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you,
O Lord,
and you give them their food in
due season. **R**

You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his
ways

and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call
upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**

He fulfils the desire of those who
fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who
love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of
the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy
name for ever and ever.] **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ.
I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I
have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could
wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my own people, my kindred
according to the flesh. They are
Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; to them belong
the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes
the Messiah, who is over all, God
blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.



Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever

escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Or Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,

for he shall speak peace to his people
and to the faithful, that they turn not
again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who
fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from
heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is
good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous

to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust
in you:

look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 56:1. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Or Genesis 45:1-15

PSALM Psalm 67

R Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL (Short or long reading)

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

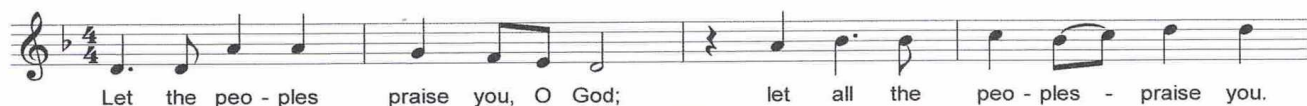
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without

understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray
and to give more than either we desire
or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 51:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were
hewn, and to the quarry from which you
were dug. Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you; for he was
but one when I called him, but I blessed
him and made him many. For the LORD
will comfort Zion; he will comfort all
her waste places, and will make her
wilderness like Eden, her desert like the
garden of the LORD; joy and gladness
will be found in her, thanksgiving and
the voice of song. Listen to me, my
people, and give heed to me, my
nation; for a teaching will go out from
me, and my justice for a light to the
peoples. I will bring near my deliverance
swiftly, my salvation has gone out and
my arms will rule the peoples; the
coastlands wait for me, and for my arm
they hope. Lift up your eyes to the
heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats; but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Or Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

PSALM Psalm 138

R *Your loving-kindness, O Lord,
endures for ever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with
my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy
temple and praise your name, because
of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you
answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise
you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your
mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches
over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them
from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against
the fury of my enemies; your right
hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose
for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures
for ever; forsake not the work of your
hands. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers
and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what
is the will of God – what is good and
acceptable and perfect. For by the
grace given to me I say to everyone
among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think,
but to think with sober judgement, each
according to the measure of faith that

God has assigned. For as in one body
we have many members, and not all
the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ, and individually we are members
one of another. We have gifts that
differ according to the grace given to
us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation;
the giver, in generosity; the leader,
in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district
of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that the
Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some
say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." He said to them, "But who
do you say that I am?" Simon Peter
answered, "You are the Messiah, the
Son of the living God." And Jesus
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has
not revealed this to you, but my Father
in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail
against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly
ordered the disciples not to tell anyone
that he was the Messiah.

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our
sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Or Exodus 3:1-15

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8

R Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not
faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.
I have not joined the company of the
false,
nor consorted with the deceitful. **R**

I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence,

O Lord,
that I may go about your altar, **R**

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil,
hold fast to what is good; love one
another with mutual affection; outdo
one another in showing honour. Do
not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be
patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers. Bless
those who persecute you; bless and do
not curse them. Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Live in harmony with one another; do
not be haughty, but associate with the
lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you
are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in
the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as
it depends on you, live peaceably with
all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your
enemies are hungry, feed them; if they

are thirsty, give them something to
drink; for by doing this you will heap
burning coals on their heads." Do not
be overcome by evil, but overcome evil
with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-end

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

From that time on, Jesus began to
show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering
at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and
on the third day be raised. And Peter
took him aside and began to rebuke
him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This
must never happen to you." But he
turned and said to Peter, "Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to
me; for you are setting your mind not
on divine things but on human things."
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any
want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me. For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who
lose their life for my sake will find it.
For what will it profit them if they gain
the whole world but forfeit their life?
Or what will they give in return for their
life? For the Son of Man is to come with
his angels in the glory of his Father, and
then he will repay everyone for what has
been done. Truly I tell you, there are
some standing here who will not taste
death before they see the Son of Man
coming in his kingdom."

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God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

