



Holsworthy Benefice July 2024 News Sheet



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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
3rd July			10am BCP Holy Communion		
7th July	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist 6pm Civic Service		9.30am Family Service
10th July			12pm Pretty Maid Proclamation		
14th July	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am St Peters Service in the Square		9.30am Sung Eucharist
17th July			10am BCP Holy Communion		
21st July	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am Sung Mass	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
28th July			11am - Holsworthy 44 Stanhope Park Service	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
4th Aug	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service

Dear Friends

This July we celebrate two Patronal Festivals. The first is Fair Week in Holsworthy of which I am beginning to learn a little and have much to encounter. The second is St Swithun at Pyworthy with an exhibition and refreshments at the church over the weekend of 13th & 14th July. I look forward to seeing you at one or other of these events.

Are you interested in a little summer reading? You may remember during Advent I encouraged you to read through the Gospel of Mark. Our Sunday readings run on a 3-year cycle and this year, Year B, is the year of Mark. However, this is not quite the whole story! Because Mark is a short gospel, part of the summer is dedicated to readings from the Gospel of John. From the end of July and during August the gospel of John forms our Sunday readings. I therefore encourage you to read through John's Gospel, particularly the first 6 chapters. We also read the epistle to the Ephesians in July. Ephesians is a good summary of St Paul's teaching and I commend it to you for your daily reading alongside John.

In Christ, Alison

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Readings for July

7th July- Green

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Samuel 5: 1-5. 9-10

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Gospel Mark 6: 1- 13:

14th July- Green

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7: 7-15

Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 85 : 8-end

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Mark 6: 14-29

21st July - Green

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 23:1-6

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-end

Gospel Mark 6: 30-34. 54-end

30th July - Green

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 4: 42-end

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Psalms 145 10-19

Ephesians 3: 14-end

Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul
Church

Monday - Thursday

8.15am - Morning Prayer

5.15pm - Evening Prayer

All Welcome.

The winners of the St Peter's
Monthly Jackpot Draw draw on 20th
June were:

1st prize, £17.75 - ticket number 10,
Amy from Honey Meadows

2nd prize, £3.55 - ticket number 176,
Becca from Cranbrook

Thank you to everyone who supported
the coffee morning held in the
Memorial Hall in aid of Hollacombe and
Holsworthy Church . Both churches
raised £130.00 each.

Thank you

Hollacombe Cream Tea

Saturday 3rd August 3pm-5pm

Pretty Maid Proclamation
St Peter & St Paul Wed 10th July -
12pm

Help Needed!

**Sunday 14th July. Set up from 10am,
Coffee from 11am in the Square,
hopefully and the service at 11.30.
This will be in St Peter and St Paul if
the weather is inclement!**

**Any help with would be gratefully
received.**

Confirmation

A 6-week course will run in the autumn
for those wishing to 'brush up' on
Christianity or prepare for
confirmation. Tuesdays 7pm at the
Rectory, commencing October 1st.
Please book with the Rector.

Find out more about.... Pyworthy Church and the Patron Saint of St Swithun.

Our church, St Swithun's in Pyworthy , is a Grade II listed building dating from the 12th Century . We currently hold our Services every Sunday at 9.30am with the First Sunday of the month dedicated to a Family Service (which have crafts for children) and the other services being a Sung Eucharist.

We celebrate our Patron Saints day on July 15th. We will mark the occasion with Arts and Flower Festival on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July. This year we have an Art Exhibition by Local Art Group Flower Displays, Handicraft Displays, or try your hand at Bell Ringing. Refreshments available.

St Swithun was bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862. At his request he was buried in the churchyard, where rain and the steps of passersby might fall on his grave. According to legend, after his body was moved inside the cathedral on July 15, 971, a great storm ensued. The first textual evidence for the weather prophecy appears to have come from a 13th- or 14th-century entry in a manuscript at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

St. Swithin's Day, (July 15), a day on which, according to folklore, the weather for a subsequent period is dictated. In popular belief, if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days, but if it is fair, 40 days of fair weather will follow.

Please come and Celebrate with us on Saturday 13th July 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4.30pm or Sunday 14th July 11am - 12am and 2pm - 4.30pm.

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Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you
that we, loving you in all things and
above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Either **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw
visions of God. When I saw this, I fell
on my face, and I heard the voice of
someone speaking. He said to me:
O mortal, stand up on your feet, and
I will speak with you. And when he
spoke to me, a spirit entered into
me and set me on my feet; and I
heard him speaking to me. He said to
me, Mortal, I am sending you to the
people of Israel, to a nation of rebels
who have rebelled against me; they
and their ancestors have transgressed
against me to this very day. The
descendants are impudent and
stubborn. I am sending you to them,
and you shall say to them, "Thus says
the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or
refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious
house), they shall know that there has
been a prophet among them.

Or **2 Samuel 5:1-5. 9-10**

PSALM Psalm 123

R Our eyes wait upon the Lord our
God.

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you that are enthroned in the
heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the
hand of their master,

or the eyes of a maid to the hand of
her mistress,
So our eyes wait upon the Lord our
God,
until he have mercy upon us. **R**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have
mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of
contempt.
Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of the arrogant,
and of the contempt of the proud. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

I know a person in Christ who
fourteen years ago was caught up
to the third heaven – whether in the
body or out of the body I do not
know; God knows. And I know that
such a person – whether in the body
or out of the body I do not know;
God knows – was caught up into
Paradise and heard things that are not
to be told, that no mortal is permitted
to repeat. On behalf of such a one I
will boast, but on my own behalf I will
not boast, except of my weaknesses.
But if I wish to boast, I will not be a
fool, for I will be speaking the truth.
But I refrain from it, so that no one
may think better of me than what is
seen in me or heard from me, even
considering the exceptional character
of the revelations. Therefore, to keep
me from being too elated, a thorn was
given me in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me, to keep me
from being too elated. Three times I
appealed to the Lord about this, that
it would leave me, but he said to me,
"My grace is sufficient for you, for
power is made perfect in weakness."
So, I will boast all the more gladly of
my weaknesses, so that the power
of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore
I am content with weaknesses,
insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am
strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

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

Jesus came to his home town, and his
disciples followed him. On the sabbath
he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were
astounded. They said, "Where did this
man get all this? What is this wisdom
that has been given to him? What
deeds of power are being done by his
hands! Is not this the carpenter, the
son of Mary and brother of James and
Joses and Judas and Simon, and are
not his sisters here with us?" And they
took offence at him. Then Jesus said
to them, "Prophets are not without
honour, except in their home town,
and among their own kin, and in their
own house." And he could do no deed
of power there, except that he laid his
hands on a few sick people and cured
them. And he was amazed at their
unbelief. Then he went about among
the villages teaching. He called the
twelve and began to send them out
two by two, and gave them authority
over the unclean spirits. He ordered
them to take nothing for their journey
except a staff; no bread, no bag,
no money in their belts; but to wear
sandals and not to put on two tunics.
He said to them, "Wherever you enter
a house, stay there until you leave the
place. If any place will not welcome
you and they refuse to hear you, as
you leave, shake off the dust that is on
your feet as a testimony against them."
So they went out and proclaimed that
all should repent. They cast out many
demons, and anointed with oil many
who were sick and cured them.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in
the same;
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

Either **Amos 7:7-15**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Or **2 Samuel 6:1-5. 12b-19**

PSALM Psalm 85:8-end

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**



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.

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 Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is

Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the
works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD. Therefore thus says the
LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the
shepherds who shepherd my people:
It is you who have scattered my flock,
and have driven them away, and you
have not attended to them. So I will
attend to you for your evil doings, says
the LORD. Then I myself will gather
the remnant of my flock out of all the
lands where I have driven them, and I
will bring them back to their fold, and
they shall be fruitful and multiply. I
will raise up shepherds over them who
will shepherd them, and they shall not
fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor
shall any be missing, says the LORD.
The days are surely coming, says the
LORD, when I will raise up for David a
righteous Branch, and he shall reign as
king and deal wisely, and shall execute
justice and righteousness in the land. In
his days Judah will be saved and Israel
will live in safety. And this is the name
by which he will be called: "The LORD
is our righteousness."

Or **2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you
Gentiles by birth, called "the
uncircumcision" by those who are
called "the circumcision" – a physical
circumcision made in the flesh by
human hands – remember that you were
at that time without Christ, being aliens
from the commonwealth of Israel, and
strangers to the covenants of promise,
having no hope and without God in the
world. But now in Christ Jesus you who
once were far off have been brought
near by the blood of Christ. For he is
our peace; in his flesh he has made both
groups into one and has broken down
the dividing wall, that is, the hostility
between us. He has abolished the law
with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one
new humanity in place of the two, thus
making peace, and might reconcile both
groups to God in one body through
the cross, thus putting to death that
hostility through it. So he came and
proclaimed peace to you who were far
off and peace to those who were near;
for through him both of us have access
in one Spirit to the Father. So then you
are no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and also
members of the household of God, built

upon the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself
as the cornerstone. In him the whole
structure is joined together and grows
into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom
you also are built together spiritually into
a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

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

The apostles returned from their
mission. They gathered around Jesus,
and told him all that they had done and
taught. He said to them, "Come away to
a deserted place all by yourselves and
rest a while." For many were coming
and going, and they had no leisure even
to eat. And they went away in the boat
to a deserted place by themselves. Now
many saw them going and recognized
them, and they hurried there on foot
from all the towns and arrived ahead
of them. As he went ashore, he saw a
great crowd; and he had compassion
for them, because they were like sheep
without a shepherd; and he began to
teach them many things. When they
had crossed over, they came to land
at Gennesaret and moored the boat.
When they got out of the boat, people
at once recognized him, and rushed
about that whole region and began
to bring the sick on mats to wherever
they heard he was. And wherever he
went, into villages or cities or farms,
they laid the sick in the market-places,
and begged him that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak; and all who
touched it were healed.

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been
fed with your body be refreshed with
the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



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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

Either **2 Kings 4:42-end**

A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Or **2 Samuel 11:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 145:10-19

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,
To make known to all peoples your
mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your
kingdom. **R**

Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all
ages.
The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed
down. **R**

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

You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty. **R**

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**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and
on earth takes its name. I pray that,
according to the riches of his glory, he
may grant that you may be strengthened
in your inner being with power through
his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith, as you are
being rooted and grounded in love. I
pray that you may have the power to
comprehend, with all the saints, what is
the breadth and length and height and
depth, and to know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge, so that you
may be filled with all the fullness of
God. Now to him who by the power
at work within us is able to accomplish
abundantly far more than all we can ask
or imagine, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for
ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 6:1-21

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered

him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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.

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND GIFT DAY



AND

Art Exhibition by Local Art Group
Flower Displays
Handicraft Displays
try your hand at Bell Ringing

ON

SATURDAY 13th July 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4.30pm

SUNDAY 14th July 11am - 12am and 2pm - 4.30pm

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



PROCEEDS to
St SWITHUN'S CHURCH



Everyone Welcome



Christians
Together in
Holsworthy
& District

St Peter's Fair Open-air service



Worship
in words
and
music

*11.30 start

Sunday, July 14

Holsworthy Square

*Join us from 11am

ALL ARE WELCOME



Free tea, coffee,
squash and
doughnuts



*And listen
to some
stories*

* To be held in the Parish Church if it's raining



Christians
Together in
Holsworthy
& District

WANTED!

**At the Holsworthy & Stratton
Agricultural Show on August 22nd**

**We are in need of some
muscle power to help with
our "tent" (a small
marquee) at the Show**



**FOR THE
ABLE-BODIED:**
**Pitching the
tent, at 5pm
on Tuesday,
August 20th
(requires good
teamwork!)**
**... And taking
down again, on
Thursday,
August 22nd,
at 7.30pm
(hopefully after
the traffic jams)**

If you feel able to help
with any of these
tasks, please contact
SUE BANKS on 07779
560083. Thank you.

FOR ANYONE:
Hospitality on the day
**We would welcome any
volunteers who could
serve tea, coffee, soft
drinks and cake in and
around the tent — and
who would enjoy
chatting to visitors.**
**Any donations of baked
goods would be
appreciated too!**



Recommended Bible Reading in July

Ephesians claims Paul as its author, although contested by some scholars due to its different writing style. However, the epistle summarises Paul's teaching well and is a good foundation for Christian living.

- Ephesians 1.1-14 Greeting and description of our blessings in Christ
- Ephesians 1.15-end Paul's thanksgiving and prayer for the church
- Ephesians 2.1-10 Dead in disobedience and alive in Christ
- Ephesians 2.11-end All one in Christ
- Ephesians 3.1-end The mystery of the Gospel brings unity and spiritual blessings
- Ephesians 4.1-16 Learning to live in unity
- Ephesians 4.17-end Learning to live in maturity
- Ephesians 5.1-21 Walk in the light of Christ
- Ephesians 5.22-end Husbands & wives to love each other
- Ephesians 6.1-9 Children & parents; slaves & masters: do good to each other
- Ephesians 6.10-end The spiritual armour of God and farewell

John's Gospel is different to the gospel's of Matthew, Mark & Luke. There are no parables. Instead John takes 7 of Jesus' miracles which he refers to as 'signs' that reveal that Jesus is the Son of God. He also includes 7 '*I am*' statements, of which 5 are listed below. This first half of the gospel covers Jesus' life from John the Baptist's introduction to Jesus as the Lamb of God to the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

- *John 1.1-18* John's Prologue in which Jesus is introduced as the 'Word of God' You may like to read through Genesis chapter 1 for comparison of themes
- John 1.19-end The testimony of John the Baptist and the calling of the first disciples
- John 2.1-12 The Wedding at Cana and the first of the 'signs'

- John 2.13-end Jesus cleanses the temple at the time of the Passover
- John 3.1-20 Nicodemus the Pharisee visits Jesus at night
- John 3. 21-end John the Baptist points to Jesus
- John 4.1-45 Jesus at the Well with the Samaritan woman
- John 4.46-end The second 'sign' - Jesus heals an official's son
- John 5 The third 'sign' - healing an invalid at the pool of Bethesda
- John 6.1-15 The fourth 'sign' - Jesus feeds the five thousand
- John 6.16-21 The fifth 'sign' - Jesus walks on water
- John 6.22-end *'I am the bread of life'*
- John 7.1-end Jesus at the Feast of Booths (celebrated in September / October) to remember the times God's people lived as wandering nomads
- John 8.1-11 The woman caught in adultery
- John 8.12-end *'I am the light of the world'*
- John 9.1-end The sixth 'sign' - the healing of the man born blind
- John 10.1-10 *'I am the gate for the sheep'*
- John 10.11-21 *'I am the good shepherd'*
- John 10.22-end Jesus and the Father are one
- John 11.1-25 *'I am the resurrection and the life'*
- John 11.26-end The seventh 'sign' - the raising of Lazarus