



# Holsworthy Benefice May 2024 News Sheet



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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
1st May			10am BCP Holy Communion		
5th May	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
9th May	7pm Ascension Eucharist at St Peter and St Paul's ,Holsworthy				
12th May	11am Morning Prayer		11am Sung Eucharist	2.30pm Songs of Praise	9.30am Sung Eucharist
15th May			10am BCP Holy Communion		
19th May	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
26th May	11am Joint Service Sung Eucharist		11am Cafe Style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
1st June		12pm - High Mass of S.Petroc			
2nd June	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Mass			9.30am Family Service

Dear Friends,

In May we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by looking at what this meant to the Early Church through readings from the book of Acts. Sunday 5th May is Rogation Sunday, to mark the days before Ascension on Thursday 9th May. Rogationtide is a time to ask for God's blessing on our fields and crops for the year to come. It is also a good time to ask for God's blessings on our spiritual harvest and our own personal journeys of faith. On Sunday May 19th we celebrate Pentecost as the day Jesus poured out his Spirit on the church with gifts of power. What that means is something we explore in the weeks following Pentecost - and I hope that you will join with me in exploring and celebrating all that Pentecost has to offer.

Blessings, Alison.

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# Readings for May

## 5th May- White

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-end

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

Acts 10: 44-end

Gospel John 15: 9-17

## 19th May - Red

Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

Ezekiel 37: 1-4

Psalm 104: 26-36. 37b

Psalm 104:n26-end

Romans 8: 22-27

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

## 12th May- White

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15- 17 21-end

Ezekiel 36:n 24-28

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9-13

Acts 1: 15-17

Gospel John 17: 6 - 1

## 26th May - White

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17

Gospel John 3: 1-17

Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul  
Church

Monday - Thursday

8.15am - Morning Prayer

5.15pm - Evening Prayer

All Welcome.

### Holsworthy History Society

David Kendrick will be giving a talk on  
**Winston Churchill – The Early Years**  
7.00 pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
In the Manor Suite behind the Memorial  
Hall

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### Jackpot

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly  
Jackpot Draw drawn on 20<sup>th</sup> April were:  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £17.00 – ticket number 121,  
Karen from Petrockstowe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £3.40 – ticket number 5, Bob  
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# Find out more about.... Pancrasweek Church

St Pancras Church is a Grade 2\* listed church and has stood overlooking the Tamar and serving rural community of this parish for centuries.

It is not known when the earliest Christian place of worship was built in the parish. There has been a place of Christian worship in Pancrasweek for at least 1000 years. The remains of a stand of a former preaching cross can be seen in the churchyard- this is believed to pre-date the church building.

Pancrasweek celebrate their saints day St Pancras on 12th May.

St Pancras was a christian who lived in Ancient Rome. During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Diocletian he refused to perform a sacrifice to Roman gods. Diocletian impressed with his determination to resist, promised St Pancras wealth and power. St Pancras still refused and the emperor ordered him to be beheaded on the Via Aurelia on 12th May 304 AD aged 14.

St Pancras is depicted in a statue in the porch and in the East window. Holding a palm leaf - a symbol of martyrdom.

To celebrate our saints day we will be holding a Songs of Praise Service from 2.30pm on 12th May. It will be a simple family service with hymns that have been picked by the congregation. Cream Tea and Scones to follow the service. Come and join us for this celebration and an opportunity to explore the history of our church and the churchyard.

Our church is open everyday from 9am to 5pm and welcomes you to, explore, add a prayer to our beautiful Prayer Tree, or buy a souvenir from our shop or just have a moment of quiet reflection. Services on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am, all welcome.

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### COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of  
your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal joy;  
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

*The reading from Acts must be read  
as either the First or Second Reading.*

#### Either **Acts 10:44-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Or **Isaiah 55:1-11**

### PSALM Psalm 98

**R** *The Lord has made known his  
salvation.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.  
The Lord has made known his  
salvation;

his deliverance has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and  
faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have  
seen the salvation of our God.  
Sound praises to the Lord, all the  
earth;  
break into singing and make music. **R**

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of  
melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the  
King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together  
before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the  
world  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

### SECOND READING

Either **1 John 5:1-6**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus  
is the Christ has been born of  
God, and everyone who loves the  
parent loves the child. By this we  
know that we love the children  
of God, when we love God and  
obey his commandments. For  
the love of God is this, that we  
obey his commandments. And his  
commandments are not burdensome,  
for whatever is born of God conquers  
the world. And this is the victory that  
conquers the world, our faith. Who is  
it that conquers the world but the one  
who believes that Jesus is the Son of  
God? This is the one who came by  
water and blood, Jesus Christ, not  
with the water only but with the water

and the blood. And the Spirit is the  
one that testifies, for the Spirit is the  
truth.

Or **Acts 10:44-end**

### GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the  
Father has loved me, so I have loved  
you; abide in my love. If you keep my  
commandments, you will abide in my  
love, just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in his love.  
I have said these things to you so  
that my joy may be in you, and that  
your joy may be complete. This is my  
commandment, that you love one  
another as I have loved you. No one  
has greater love than this, to lay down  
one's life for one's friends. You are  
my friends if you do what I command  
you. I do not call you servants any  
longer, because the servant does not  
know what the master is doing; but  
I have called you friends, because I  
have made known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father.  
You did not choose me but I chose  
you. And I appointed you to go and  
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that  
the Father will give you whatever you  
ask him in my name. I am giving you  
these commands so that you may love  
one another."

### POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the  
water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.



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## COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not  
comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen  
us  
and exalt us to the place where our  
Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 1:15-17. 21-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Or **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

## PSALM Psalm 1

**R** *The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. **R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 John 5:9-13**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Or **Acts 1:15-17. 21-end**

## GOSPEL John 17:6-19

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the

world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Lord knows the way of the right-eous.

**COLLECT**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING**

*The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs

on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Or **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b**

**R** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. **R**

So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia. **R**

Or **Psalm 104:26-end**

**SECOND READING**

Either **Romans 8:22-27**

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

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

**GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**POST COMMUNION**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal  
Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to  
worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from  
all adversities;  
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 6:1-8

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.



The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come

from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal  
glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.





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