



10th Dec 2023 -Second Sunday of Advent

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
10th Dec	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist & 6pm Town Carol Concert		9.30am Sung Eucharist
17th Dec	6.30pm Carol Service	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist		3pm Crib Carol Service
24th Dec	3pm Crib Service		6,30pm Christmas Communion with Carols	9.30am Crib Service	8pm Midnight mAss with Communion
25th Dec	10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist Christmas Service	9.30am BCP Holy Communion			
27th Dec		2.30pm 9 Lessons of Carols with Refreshments			
31st Dec	10am Benefice Service at Holsworthy				

Message from Archdeacon Verena...

Dear Alison & Church Family in the Holsworthy Benefice,
Just a note to thank you all for making Sunday's induction service such a special event - a lot of hard work has obviously gone in preparation. Thank you all. May God bless you all richly, Verena.

Help and Donations Needed....

If anyone has any raffle prizes and chocolate donations (for the chocolate tombola) please pass to Holsworthy Church..Also there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Holsworthy church for any one to help with stewarding, help setting up and taking down. Etc. Many Thanks for your support.

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th November were:
1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 35, Jean from Trewyn Park
2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 25, Chris from Glebelands

St Peter & St Paul's Church Holsworthy

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



THURSDAY 14, FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

12.00 NOON – 7.00 PM

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

10.00 AM – 6.00 PM

FREE ENTRY

RAFFLE, CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS

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	3rd Dec	10th Dec	12th Dec	15th Dec	16th Dec	24th Dec
Bradworthy Benefice						
Abbots Bickington		10am Holy Communion with Hymns				
Bradford				6.30pm Carol Service		10am Morning Prayer
Bradworthy						4pm Christingle Service. 11am Midnight Mass
Milton Damerel	10.30am Benefice Advent Holy Communion with Archdeacon Verena		7pm Carol Service			
Putford						
Sutcombe						9am Morning Prayer
Thornbury		6.30pm Carol Service				
Ruby Benefice						
Ashwater	9.30am Morning Service					2pm Crib Service
Beaworthy		6.30pm Holy Communion			Christingle Service Village Hall	
Black Torrington	11am Holy Communion	11am Cafe Church (Christingle)				7pm Christmas Holy Communion
Clawton		11am Morning Worship				11am Carol Service
Halwill	11am Morning Service					4pm Carol Service
Highampton		3.30pm Carol Service				
Tetcott	5.30pm Tea 6pm Evening Service					
Holsworthy Benefice						
Bridgerule	11am Sung Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer				3pm Bridgerule Crib Service
Hollacombe	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	3pm Evensong				
Holsworthy	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Town Carol Concert				6.30pm Christmas Communion with Carols
Pancrasweek						9.30am Crib Service
Pyworthy	3pm Christingle Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist				8pm Midnight Mass with Communion

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Bradworthy Benefice				
Abbots Bickington				
Bradford	10am Morning Prayer			
Bradworthy	4pm Christingle Service. 11am Midnight Mass			
Milton Damerel				
Putford				10.30am Benefice Patronal (St Stephen) Holy Communion
Sutcombe	9am Morning Prayer	10am Christmas Day Family Service		
Thornbury				
Ruby Benefice				
Ashwater	2pm Crib Service			
Beaworthy		10am Christmas Day Holy Communion		
Black Torrington	7pm Christmas Holy Communion			
Clawton	11am Carol Service			
Halwill	4pm Carol Service			11am Benefice Holy Communion
Highampton				
Tetcott				
Holsworthy Benefice				
Bridgerule	3pm Bridgerule Crib Service	10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist Christmas Service		
Hollacombe		9.30am BCP Holy Communion	2.30pm 9 Lessons of Carols with Refreshments	
Holsworthy	6.30pm Christmas Communion with Carols			10am Benefice Sung Eucharist
Pancrasweek	9.30am Crib Service			
Pyworthy	8pm Midnight Mass with Communion			

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a

shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM Psalm 85:1-2. 8-end (or 85:8-end)

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins. **R**

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 2 Peter 3:8-15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming

of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

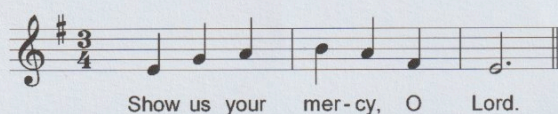
GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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LOOK

Sunday 10 December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist is the messenger sent by God. He is helping everyone to get ready to welcome Jesus. John baptises people in the River Jordan. He tells people that the one coming after him is far more important. The promised one will baptise them with the Holy Spirit.

wild honey

strong, loud voice

the wilderness

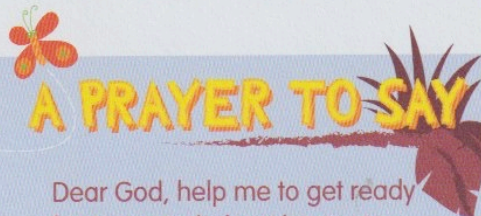
locusts

long hair & beard

string sandals

camel skin tunic

Colour the picture of John, then draw lines to connect the words to the picture.



Maze

John the Baptist is in the middle of the desert. People hear his loud, strong voice. They come from far and wide to hear God's message.

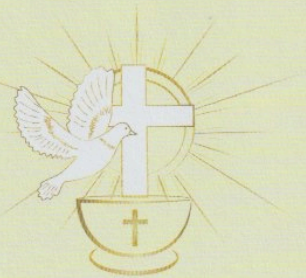
Can you help them find their way?



Baptism

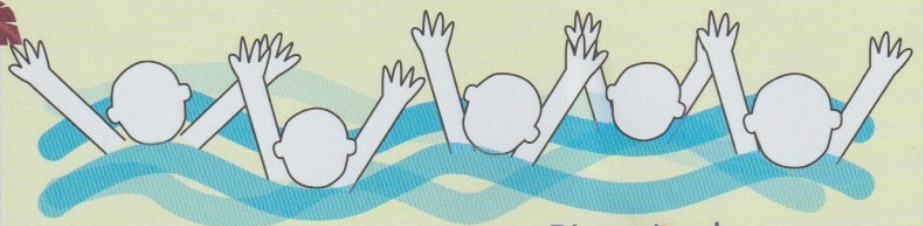
I was baptised in _____ church.
I can see the baptismal font in this church.
[] yes [] no

These people have changed their ways and become good! Give them happy faces.
John baptises them in the w_ _ _ _



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear God, help me to get ready for Jesus: to help at home, to have fun with my family and to be kind to children who are sad. Amen.



River Jordan