



12th Nov 2023 -Third Sunday before Advent
 Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
11th Nov					10.55am Acts of Remembrance
12th Nov	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	3pm Evensong	10.55am Acts of Remembrance Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer with Acts of Remembrance
19th Nov	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist
26th Nov	Alison Hardy Licensing Service at Holsworthy 10.30am				

Marie Benton Funeral - Thursday 23rd
 November at 11am: St James' Church ,Mount Pleasant Road,
 Exeter , EX4 7AH

Followed by the wake/celebration of life
 12.30/12.45pm , The Devon Hotel, Matford,
 Exeter EX2 8XU

If you could kindly let me know if you will be attending the funeral and the wake . This will assist in determining how many we need to cater for at the hotel.

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The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th October were:
 1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 6, Mary from Kingdon Way
 2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 176, Becca from Cranbrook

The PCC's of Holsworthy Benefice will be hosting a reception in the Memorial Hall, after Revd. Alison Hardy's installation on Sunday 26th November, to which all attendee's are invited. An outside caterer will be providing a light buffet, coffee and tea will be available and the bar will be open.

The charges involved will be split between the churches and we take this opportunity to invite donations from all congregations and friends to cover the costs. If you would like to make a donation please give it to a leader in your church where it will be most gratefully received. All donations will be pooled and this way we hope to cover the costs for all churches. Our target is to raise

Shoe Box Appeal 2023,

Shoe boxes from this parish will be sent with those from the Methodist church. The last collection date will be Weds 15th November at Methodist coffee morning
 If you would like to send one please hand in at Holsworthy Church this Sunday or take straight to the Coffee morning in the Bodmin Street schoolroom next Weds.

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	5th Nov	12th Nov	19th Nov	26th Nov
Bradworthy Benefice				
Abbots Bickington				10am Morning Prayer
Bradford	10.30am Benefice Patronal (All Saints) Holly Communion with Hymns			10am Morning Prayer
Bradworthy		10.50am Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial		10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns
Cookbury		10.45am at War Memorial		
Milton Damerel				
Putford		2.30pm Remembrance Day Service		
Sutcombe		9.30am Remembrance Day Service	9am Said Holy Communion	9am Patronal (St Andrews) Holy Communion with Hymns
Thornbury		10.50am Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial	10am Holy Communion with Hymns	
Ruby Benefice				
Ashwater	9.30am Morning Service	10.50am Remembrance Service	9.30am Holy Communion	
Beaworthy		6.30pm Remembrance Service		
Black Torrington	11am Holy Communion		11am Cafe Church	
Clawton		2.30pm Remembrance Service		11am Cafe Church
Halwill	11am Morning Service	10.50am Remembrance Service Churches Together	11am Holy Communion	
Highampton				3.30pm Holy Communion
Tetcott	5.30pm Tea 6pm Evening Service	10.50am Remembrance Service		
Holsworthy Benefice				
Bridgerule	11am Morning Prayer	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	11am Morning Prayer	
Hollacombe	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	
Holsworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.55 Acts of Remembrance Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	Benefice Revd Alison Hardy Licensing Service
Pancrasweek				
Pyworthy	3pm Benefice All Souls Service	9.30am Morning Prayer with Acts of Remembrance	11am Sung Eucharist	

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages
of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those
who love her, and is found by those
who seek her. She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire
her. One who rises early to seek
her will have no difficulty, for she
will be found sitting at the gate. To
fix one's thought on her is perfect
understanding, and one who is
vigilant on her account will soon be
free from care, because she goes
about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them
in their paths, and meets them in every
thought.

Or **Amos 5:18-24**

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

Alas for you who desire the day of
the LORD! Why do you want the day
of the LORD? It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and
was met by a bear; or went into the
house and rested a hand against the
wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. Even though you offer
me your burnt-offerings and grain-
offerings, I will not accept them; and

the offerings of well-being of your
fatted animals I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody
of your harps. But let justice roll down
like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

PSALM Psalm 70

R *Come to me quickly, O God.*

O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and
disgraced
who wish me evil.
Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame. **R**

But let all who seek you rejoice and
be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say
always, "Great is the Lord!"
As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

*A reading from the first letter of Paul
to the Thessalonians.*

We do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. For this
we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will
by no means precede those who have
died. For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air; and

so we will be with the Lord for ever.
Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

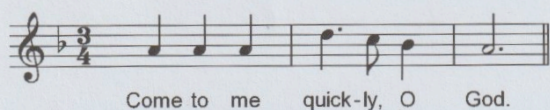
GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the
disciples: "The kingdom of heaven
will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. When the
foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them; but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids
got up and trimmed their lamps. The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.' And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut. Later
the other bridesmaids came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' Keep awake therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness
of life:
look with compassion on the anguish
of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.



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LOOK

Sunday 12 November 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1-13

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

SHOW THE WAY!

Light

For there to be light, there needs to be something to give energy. Draw a line to link the object that gives light and its energy source.



For you to be light to others, what is your energy source? Unscramble the letters to find the answer:

S U E S J

A PRAYER TO SAY

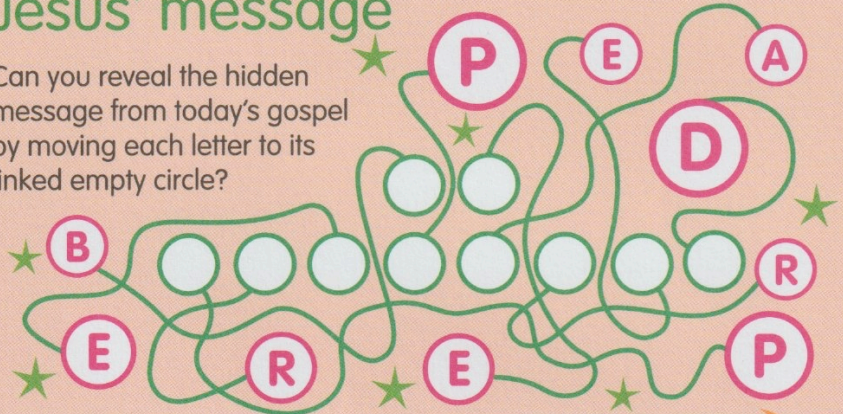
Help me to lead other people to you, Jesus. Help me to shine brightly with your love by being kind and helpful. Amen.

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Jesus tells us a story about ten bridesmaids. Five of them were ready for the wedding but five were not, so they couldn't go to it. We can get ready to enjoy the party with Jesus by being kind and loving.

Jesus' message

Can you reveal the hidden message from today's gospel by moving each letter to its linked empty circle?



Be ready

The bridesmaids need lamps to find their way as it is late at night. One sensible bridesmaid has oil in her lamp.



The other bridesmaid is foolish and has forgotten the oil for her lamp. Which bridesmaid meets the bridegroom? Make her lamp shine!

Light up the world

Jesus is like the bridegroom and we are like helpers at a wedding. Tick the ways we can light up the world today.



Answers: Jesus' message: Be prepared.

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