



# 17th Dec 2023 -Third 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
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				

**17th Dec at 3pm Family Crib Carol Service at Pyworthy All Welcome**

Pancrasweek Family Crib Service  
At  
Pancrasweek St Pancras Church  
9.30am Sunday 24th Dec  
Refreshments served afterwards  
All welcome

**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**

# Deanery Rota Dec 2023

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

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	24th Dec	25th Dec	27th Dec	31st Dec
<b>Bradworthy Benefice</b>				
<b>Abbots Bickington</b>				
<b>Bradford</b>	10am Morning Prayer			
<b>Bradworthy</b>	4pm Christingle Service. 11am Midnight Mass			
<b>Milton Damerel</b>				
<b>Putford</b>				10.30am Benefice Patronal (St Stephen) Holy Communion
<b>Sutcombe</b>	9am Morning Prayer	10am Christmas Day Family Service		
<b>Thornbury</b>				
<b>Ruby Benefice</b>				
<b>Ashwater</b>	2pm Crib Service			
<b>Beaworthy</b>		10am Christmas Day Holy Communion		
<b>Black Torrington</b>	7pm Christmas Holy Communion			
<b>Clawton</b>	11am Carol Service			
<b>Halwill</b>	4pm Carol Service			11am Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Highampton</b>				
<b>Tetcott</b>				
<b>Holsworthy Benefice</b>				
<b>Bridgerule</b>	3pm Bridgerule Crib Service	10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist Christmas Service		
<b>Hollacombe</b>		9.30am BCP Holy Communion	2.30pm 9 Lessons of Carols with Refreshments	
<b>Holsworthy</b>	6.30pm Christmas Communion with Carols			10am Benefice Sung Eucharist
<b>Pancrasweek</b>	9.30am Crib Service			
<b>Pyworthy</b>	8pm Midnight Mass with Communion			

### COLLECT

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your  
Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on  
the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his  
victory;  
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### PSALM

Either **Psalm 51:1-13**

**R** *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
So that you are justified in your sentence  
and righteous in your judgement.  
I have been wicked even from my birth,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the bones you have broken may  
rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins  
and blot out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me.  
Give me again the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

### Or **Psalm 119:9-16**

**R** *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way  
to keep themselves according to your  
word?  
With my whole heart have I sought you;  
O let me not go astray from your  
commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,  
that I should not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O Lord;  
O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling  
of all the judgements of your mouth.  
I have taken greater delight in the way of  
your testimonies  
than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments  
and contemplate your ways.  
My delight shall be in your statutes  
and I will not forget your word. **R**

### SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### GOSPEL John 12:20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our  
brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



# LOOK

Sunday 17 December 2023  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
John 1:6-8. 19-28

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### JESUS, THE LIGHT

#### Who is coming?

Who do you think the light is?  
Try to draw a picture of him.



Fill in the spaces, using the Gospel story to help.

John said that he had come to tell about \_\_\_ (het) \_\_\_ g h \_\_\_ (ilt) which would \_ h \_\_\_ e (nis) on \_\_\_ v e \_\_\_ n \_\_\_ (ree).

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Loving Lord, John the Baptist knew Jesus was special. I know Jesus is special too. Help me to shine with Jesus' light in the way I share love and kindness. Amen.

People are wondering who John the Baptist is. He tells them he is God's messenger, sent to tell us all that Jesus is coming. Jesus is our light, someone so special that John is not good enough to untie his sandals.

### Jesus shines through me

Draw yourself doing one of the pictured actions around the frame.



### Dark to light puzzle

Match the shadow shapes with the pictures.



### Whose sandals?

These feet belong to the important person coming after John the Baptist. Design a really special pair of sandals for him. Who do you think the sandals are for?



Cross out the first letter and then every other letter to find out who the sandals belong to.

X J Q E Z S Y U W S

Answers: Who is coming: the light which would shine on everyone. Whose sandals: Jesus.