



19th Nov 2023 -Second 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
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				
3rd Dec	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		3pm Christingle Service
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				

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.

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 attendees 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 £700 and then with gift aid added we will easily cover costs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Help wanted on Sunday 26th November
 Can you spare some time before the Licensing Service to help prepare the tables for the refreshments?

The Memorial Hall is booked from 9.00 am. If you are prepared to help lay up the tables before the service and/or help with dispensing tea and coffee after the service, please let Mary Osborne (01409 253115) know. Many thanks.

Christmas Fair

Pyworthy Village Hall

Saturday 25th November, 11.00am until 3.00pm

Admission: £1.50, to include tea/coffee and mince pie

Refreshments: coffee, tea, cake, mince pies, soup and roll

Also

cakes, books and craft, chocolate tombola, raffle, various games

All Welcome

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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	

We're launching Detached Youth Work in Holsworthy

We are looking for people who may be able to:

- volunteer for a two hour session once a month
- move around Holsworthy for two hours (walking or via a mobility scooter)
- be willing to chat with young people - they're not scary!
- share life experience, no matter your background or experience - you are never too old to make a difference to a young person
- help make a difference to a young person in this town

To find out more, please come along for a chat and
cuppa



Wednesday 22nd November

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

at Bodmin Street Methodist Church Hall

Email youthworker.hccyc@gmail.com



COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (or 90:1-8)

R O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **R**

You turn us back to dust and say:
"Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are
but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. **R**

[When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are three score years
and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone. **R**

Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

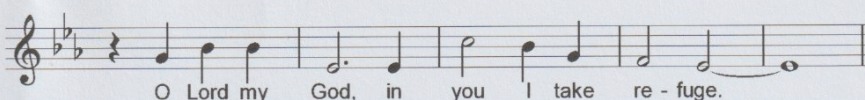
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey,

summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



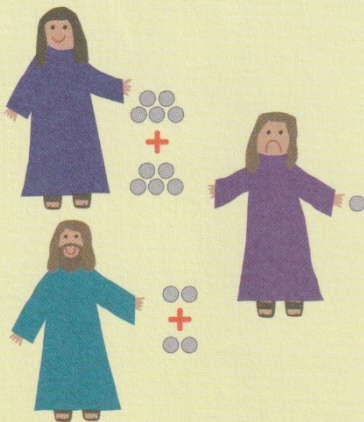
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Sunday 19 November 2023
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 25:14-30

In the GOSPEL TODAY

USE YOUR GIFTS!

Samuel, David and Amos



Here are the three men, with their talents. How many talents did each have in the end, to show their master? Write the answers in the boxes below.

Samuel used his money wisely and made 5 more talents. [] talents altogether.

David worked hard and made 2 more talents. [] talents altogether.

Amos buried his money to keep it safe. [] talents altogether.

Which man did not use the gift he had been given?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for giving me so many gifts. Help me to use them well and generously. Amen.

A man trusts his servants to look after his money. Two of them work hard and increase what they have been given, but one is too scared to use his gift at all. Jesus wants us all to use our gifts well.

God trusts us to USE our gifts

Draw a circle around the picture where a gift is being shared with others.



Use your Talents well!

Matching

A "talent" in Jesus' time was a sort of money. We use this word today to describe our skills and abilities. Unscramble these talents and match them to the right people.



Maze

The master was pleased with the servants who tried hard and used their money well. They joined their master in his happiness.



Help these hard-working servants join their happy master. Give them smiling faces when they reach him!

Answers: Samuel 10 coins, David 4 coins. Amos did not use his gift. Building listening, painting, football, reading.

