



1st Oct 2023 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
1st Oct	11am Morning Prayer	3pm BCP Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
8th Oct	11am Morning Prayer		11am Harvest Thanksgiving Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
15th Oct	11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11am Sung Eucharist
21st Oct					6pm Alter Blessing Service
22nd Oct	11am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion by Extension		9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer

As you will know, at Scripture Union, we are passionate about helping churches with their mission to reach and journey with children and young people who are not regularly in church.

That is why I am so excited to let you know about a brand new tour that we will be doing this term. 'Mission Possible' is all about helping churches to grow in effective mission to children and young people. We have taken the findings from some research we carried out and have developed an interactive evening that explores 5 principles of effective mission. As well as delving into these principles, you will also go away with lots of practical ideas that you can use in your context.

To find out more and book your place please click [Mission Possible Tour | Scripture Union](#)

The event that is nearest to you is: **18th Oct 2023 Pancrasweek church, Pancrasweek (between Holsworthy & Bude), EX22 7JS 7:15 for 7:30pm start**

The evening is aimed at anyone who is involved with youth and children's work, so please do invite others to join you and forward this message to them.

Do get back to me with any questions and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Holsworthy Church coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on 4th October. Please come and support us.

We would appreciate any items for the raffle or Tombola stalls, from food items to luxuries whatever you can gift. Please put in box at back of church.

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th September were:
1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 37, Helen from Trewyn Park
2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 78, Katie from Underlane

Holsworthy Church, 8th Oct 11am, All are welcome to our Harvest Thanksgiving Cafe-style Morning Prayer, preceded by a Harvest Breakfast.

20th-22nd of Sept, Vincent Sullivan (from Pyworthy) is taking part in cycling 95 miles on the the Dartmoor Way Cycle, on behalf of North Devon Hospice. We wish you all best. If anyone would like to donate to this fabulous cause please click on the clink below. Thanks you <https://www.justgiving.com/page/georgia-bedgood-1694686568472>

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	1st Oct	8th Oct	15th Oct	22nd Oct	29th Oct
Bradworthy Benefice					
Abbots Bickington				11.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Benefice Bible Sunday Service
Bradford			10am Morning Prayer		
Bradworthy			10am Family Worship (chapel)	7pm Harvest Service	
Milton Damerel		3pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Putford		11.30am Putford Harvest Service			
Sutcombe		9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	9am Morning Prayer	
Thornbury	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion with Hymns	6.30pm Harvest Service		10am Morning Prayer	
Ruby Benefice					
Ashwater	9.30am Harvest Service		9.30am Holy Communion		11am Benefice Holy Communion
Beaworthy		11am Harvest Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer	
Black Torrington	11am Harvest Holy Communion followed by lunch	11am Cafe Church	11am Morning Prayer		
Clawton		11am United Service		11am Holy Communion	
Halwill	11am Morning Service		11am Holy Communion		
Highampton				3.30pm Evening Service	
Tetcott	5.30pm Harvest Service & Supper				
Holsworthy Benefice					
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Hollacombe	3pm BCP Evensong		9.30am BCP Holy Communion		
Holsworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Thanksgiving Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pancrasweek				9.30am Morning Prayer	
Pyworthy	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Harvest Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

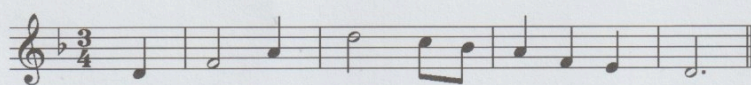
FIRST READING

Either **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me:
What do you mean by repeating this
proverb concerning the land of Israel,
"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and
the children's teeth are set on edge"? As
I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb
shall no more be used by you in Israel.
Know that all lives are mine; the life of
the parent as well as the life of the child
is mine: it is only the person who sins
that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of
the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house
of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your
ways that are unfair? When the righteous
turn away from their righteousness and
commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for
the iniquity that they have committed
they shall die. Again, when the wicked
turn away from the wickedness they have
committed and do what is lawful and
right, they shall save their life. Because
they considered and turned away from
all the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they
shall not die. Yet the house of Israel
says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O
house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it
not your ways that are unfair? Therefore
I will judge you, O house of Israel, all
of you according to your ways, says the
Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your
transgressions; otherwise iniquity will
be your ruin. Cast away from you all the
transgressions that you have committed
against me, and get yourselves a new
heart and a new spirit! Why will you die,
O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure
in the death of anyone, says the Lord
GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Or **Exodus 17:1-7**



Re - mem - ber, Lord, your com - pas - sion and love.

PSALM Psalm 25:1-8

R Remember, Lord, your compassion
and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and
frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness,
O Lord,
according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the
way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in
Christ, any consolation from love, any
sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and
sympathy, make my joy complete: be of
the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind. Do
nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better
than yourselves. Let each of you look not
to your own interests, but to the interests
of others. Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he
was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking
the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human
form, he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death – even
death on a cross. Therefore God also
highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, so that
at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, and every tongue should

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father. Therefore, my
beloved, just as you have always obeyed
me, not only in my presence, but much
more now in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and trembling; for
it is God who is at work in you, enabling
you both to will and to work for his good
pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief
priests and the elders of the people came
to him as he was teaching, and said,
"By what authority are you doing these
things, and who gave you this authority?"
Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you
one question; if you tell me the answer,
then I will also tell you by what authority
I do these things. Did the baptism of
John come from heaven, or was it of
human origin?" And they argued with
one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,'
he will say to us, 'Why then did you not
believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human
origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for
all regard John as a prophet." So they
answered Jesus, "We do not know."
And he said to them, "Neither will I tell
you by what authority I am doing these
things. What do you think? A man had
two sons; he went to the first and said,
'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'
He answered, 'I will not'; but later he
changed his mind and went. The father
went to the second and said the same;
and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did
not go. Which of the two did the will
of his father?" They said, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the
tax-collectors and the prostitutes are
going into the kingdom of God ahead
of you. For John came to you in the
way of righteousness and you did not
believe him, but the tax-collectors and
the prostitutes believed him; and even
after you saw it, you did not change your
minds and believe him."

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to
all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOOK

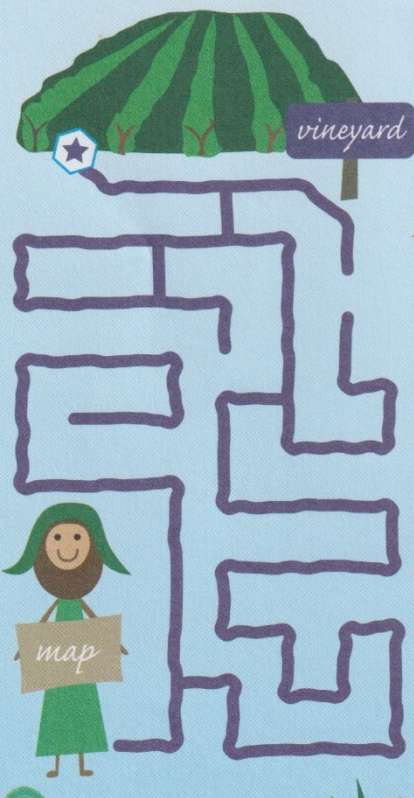
Sunday 1 October 2023
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 21:28-32

In the GOSPEL TODAY

ACTION NOT WORDS!

Finding the vineyard

Help the son find his way to his father's vineyard.



Who is doing what is right? A man has two sons. The first says he won't help, but then does what his dad asks. The second says he'll help, but then does nothing. Jesus says, the first son is doing what is right! Doing something is better than talking about it.

Actions not words

Helping out

The first son helped his father. Fill in the letters to find out some of the ways you can help out at home.

Make your ___ (deb).



Help ___ (koo) meals.

Clear away d ___ s (hsie).

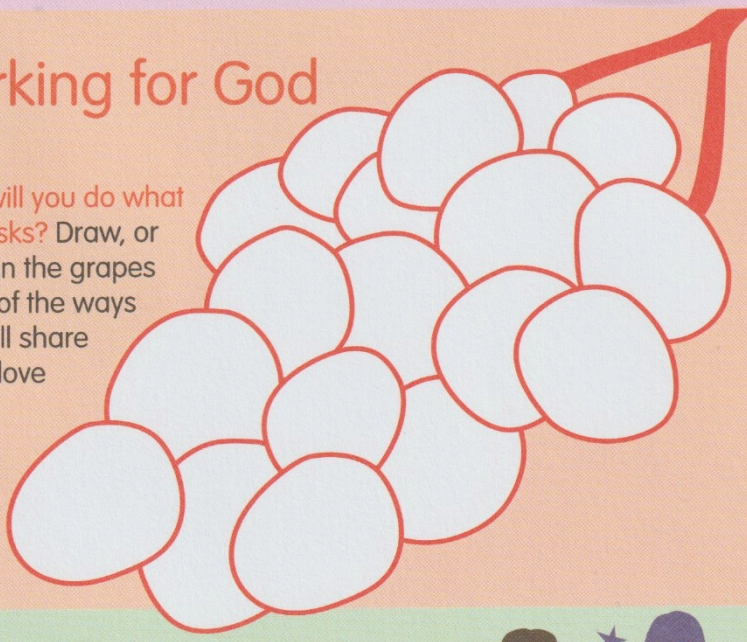


Tidy up ___ (tyos).



Working for God

How will you do what God asks? Draw, or write, in the grapes some of the ways you will share God's love today.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Please help me, Jesus, to help out when I am asked. Sometimes I don't do what I say I am going to. Help me to do what I know is right. Amen.

Do what God wants

Spot the difference

Can you find 5 differences between these two brothers?



Answers: Helping out: dishes, cook, toys, bed. Spot the difference: sandals, hair colour, hat, stripes, belt