



## 24th Dec 2023 -Forth 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
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				
7th Jan	11am Sung Eucharist	9,30am BCP Holy Communion	9,30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
14th Jan	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
21st Jan	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism		9.30am Sung Eucharist
28th Jan	11am Joint Service at St Bridgets Church		11am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Eucharist - Plough Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

# 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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<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

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming  
as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### 2 Samuel 7:1-11. 16

*A reading from the second book of Samuel.*

Now when David the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom

shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

## CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55)**  
Or **Psalm 89:1-4. 19-26 (or 89:1-8)**

**R** *Truly the Lord is our shield.*

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:  
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.  
I will declare that your love is established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **R**

For you said: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." **R**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:

"I have set a youth above the mighty;  
I have raised a young man over the people.  
"I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R**

"My hand shall hold him fast and my arm shall strengthen him.  
"No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any wicked person afflict him.  
"I will strike down his foes before his face  
and beat down those that hate him. **R**

"My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him  
and in my name shall his head be exalted.

"I will set his dominion upon the sea and his right hand upon the rivers. **R**

"He shall call to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation;'" **R**

## SECOND READING

### Romans 16:25-end

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was

kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

## GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour;  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Tru - ly the Lord is our shield.

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Luke 1:26-38

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

**MARY chosen by God**

\_\_\_\_\_ (write your name) is chosen by God too! God wants us to live our lives close to him. He loves us so much. He has a special job for each of us. Draw a picture of yourself doing something helpful.



This is ME saying "YES" to God

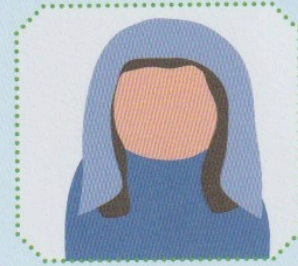
God sends the angel Gabriel with a message for Mary. She is going to have a very special baby! Mary does not know what this means, but she says "yes" anyway. Mary trusts God completely.

**HAIL MARY!**

Changing faces



Mary was worried when the angel Gabriel first appeared.



Make Mary's face happy after the angel tells her not to be afraid.



Mary said "yes" to God. Circle the children who are saying "yes" to God and doing what he wants.

**A message for Mary**

Today Mary receives good news from an angel sent by God. Join the dots to see the angel Gabriel!



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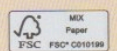
The angel has good news for Mary. Use the code to find out what it is.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



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Answers: Code: you will have a baby boy.