



26th Nov 2023 -Christ the King

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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Services in Holsworthy Benefice - All Welcome					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
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				

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.

Many Thanks to those who have donated towards the cost of Alison's Licensing Service. If you still wish to make a donation please pass to your local church warden.

Thank you again for all your generosity.

Family Christingle Service
3rd Dec at 3pm,
St Swithun's Church
Pyworthy
All welcome

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	

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
 throne of heaven that he might rule
 over all things as Lord and King:
 keep the Church in the unity of the
 Spirit
 and in the bond of peace,
 and bring the whole created order to
 worship at his feet;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

PSALM Psalm 95:1-7

R *Come, let us worship and bow down.*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our
 salvation.
 Let us come into his presence with
 thanksgiving
 and be glad in him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God
 and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth
 and the heights of the mountains are his
 also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands have moulded the dry
 land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God;
 we are the people of his pasture and
 the sheep of his hand. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-end

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all

the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
 the wills of your faithful people;
 that they, plenteously bringing forth the
 fruit of good works,
 may by you be plenteously rewarded;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down.

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LOOK

Sunday 26 November 2023
 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe
Matthew 25:31-46

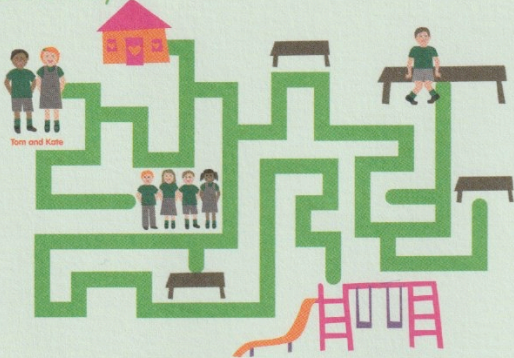
In the GOSPEL TODAY

USE YOUR GIFT!

Jesus challenges us to look out for people who need our kindness, our help and our friendship. Jesus is in every sick person, every lonely person and every sad person. If we help someone in need in any way we are helping Jesus.

Playtime maze

Tom and Kate are on the lookout for someone who needs a friend. Can you help them to find the way?



We are the Church!

Some kings are very proud.
 Some kings go to war.
 Jesus is a different kind of king.

- POOR
- HUNGRY
- PRISONERS
- ILL
- FOREIGNER
- THIRSTY
- LONELY



Jesus wants us to honour him by honouring the people in this word search.

Puzzle

Draw a line and help each person find what they need.



I am hungry



I am thirsty



I am cold



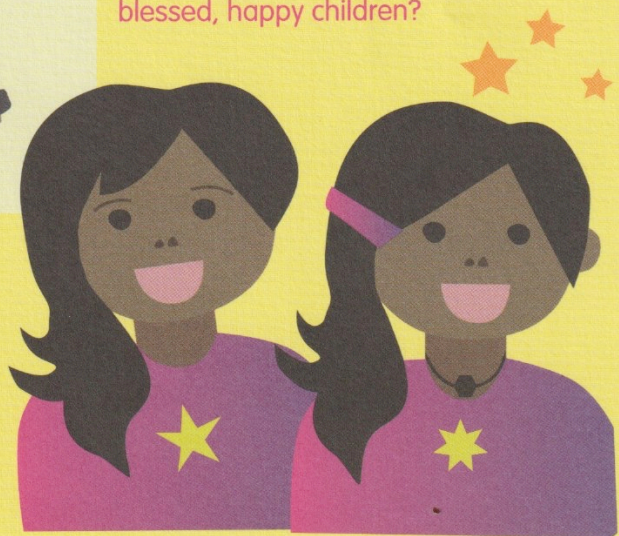
I am alone



Spot the difference

Jesus says we will all be happy, or blessed, when we help other people.

Can you spot five differences between these blessed, happy children?



Answers: stars, necklace, ear, hairslide, eyebrows.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, I know that you are our king in heaven, but you also need my help here on Earth. I want to help you now so that all people will know and love you. Amen.

These children are happy.
 Jesus is their king and they are doing what he says.

