



3rd Dec 2023 -First 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
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				

Message from Archdeacon Verena...

Dear Alison & Church Family in the Holsworthy Benefice,
Just a note to thank you all for making Sunday's induction service such a special event - a lot of hard work has obviously gone in preparation. Thank you all. May God bless you all richly,

Help and Donations Needed....

If anyone has any raffle prizes and chocolate donations (for the chocolate tombola) please pass to Holsworthy Church..Also there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Holsworthy church for any one to help with stewarding, help setting up and taking down. Etc. Many Thanks for your support.

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th November were:

1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 35, Jean from Trewyn Park

2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 25, Chris from Glebelands

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

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

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living
and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20
(or 80:1-8)

R Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your
people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to
drink.

You have made us the derision of our
neighbours
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man at your
right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for
yourself.

And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your
name. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-end

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lively

Turn us a-gain, O God, show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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Sunday 3 December 2023
1st Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33-37

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

BE READY!

ADVENT is about WAITING for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Bethlehem.

As we start Advent the Gospel tells us to be ready to welcome Jesus. It is like when a man goes away leaving his servants in charge. The doorkeeper needs to stay awake to welcome the master when he comes back. Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him – and he is coming soon!

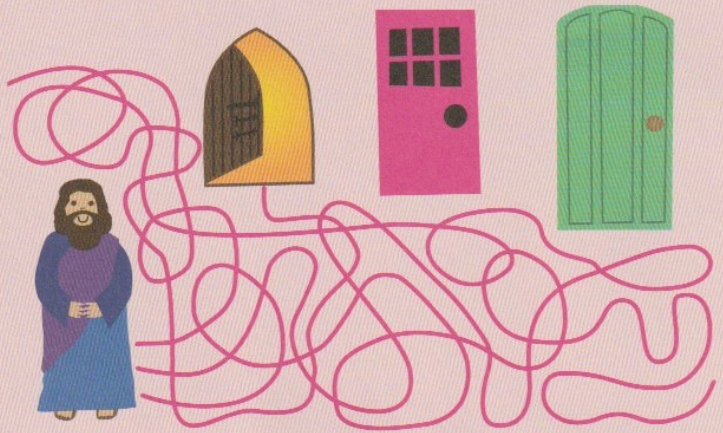


We wait
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We wait
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There are 4 Sundays in ADVENT.

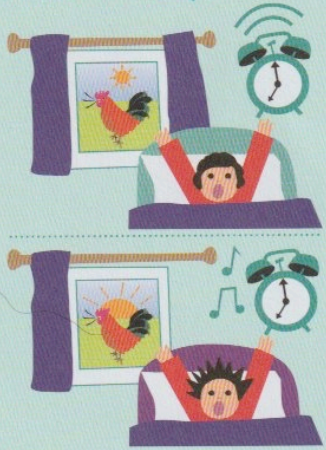
Welcome the master



Jesus says the doorkeeper must be ready when the master comes home.
Which path leads to the door which is open to welcome him?

Spot the difference

Can you spot five differences in these pictures? What are the three different ways Ben knows it is time to wake up?

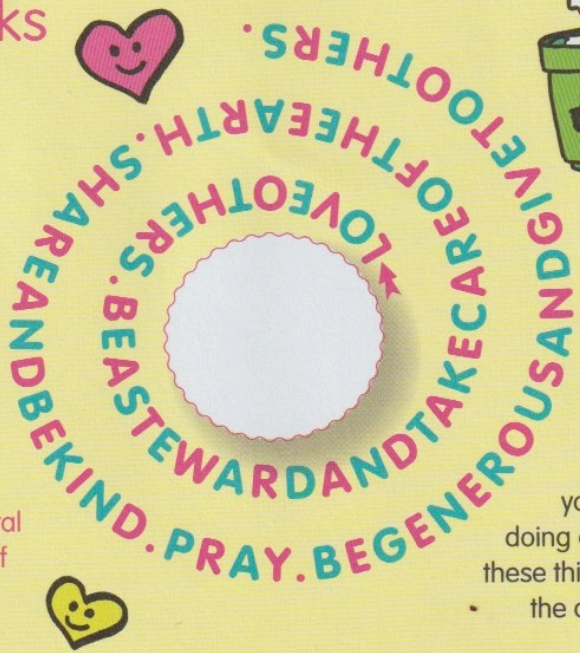


A PRAYER TO SAY

I am really looking forward to welcoming you into my heart, Jesus! Help me to get ready for you by being kind and loving. Amen.

Our tasks

The master left his servants in charge. Each has their own job. God has given all of us jobs too.



Follow the spiral to see some of the tasks God has given us.

Draw yourself doing one of these things in the centre.

Answers: Spot the difference answers: Headboard, alarm clock chime, curtain, hair, sun.