

Holsworthy Benefice February 2024 News Sheet



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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
4th Feb	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
11th Feb	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
14th Feb Ash Wednesday		10.30am Ash Wednesday Service	7pm Benefice Ash Wednesday Service		
18th Feb	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism		9.30am Sung Eucharist
21st Feb			10am BCP Said Holy Communion		
25th Feb	11am Joint Service at St Bridgets Church		11am Cafe-style Service	9.30am All Age Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer
28th Feb			10am BCP Said Holy Communion		
3rd March	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service

<u>Dear Friends,</u>

So many are asking if I am settling in well, and with all the friendly welcome I am receiving the answer of course has to be, yes! I am enjoying meeting people and finding out about the area and what happens in it.

As we move towards Lent in February I am indebted towards the church wardens who have helped me put together a rota for Lent and Easter, including a Lent Study group which will be based upon the Bible Society's own Bible Course. This 8-week course is too long to fit into Lent and will run in two halves, before and after Easter. Please do book if you can so that I can ensure I have enough course books for all. Details below.

I am also offering Holy Communion during Lent on a Wednesday at 10am in St Peter & St Paul's: Feb 21st, 28th, March 6th & 27th (Holy Week).

with God's blessing on you all, Alison

The Bible Course

This year's Lent Course runs on Saturday afternoons at the Rectory and follows an 8-week course put together by the Bible Society called the Bible Course. Using discussion, film and course booklets. The Bible Course gives an overview of the whole Bible helping us to understand the various parts of the Bible and where the individual books within it fit into the big story of the Bible. At the same time, the course helps us to read the Bible, understand and interpret what we read, and learn how to apply that understanding to our own lives so that we can put Bible teaching into practical everyday use. Open to all, accessible teaching to all. Please book with Libbi by Ash Wednesday at the latest. Saturday 2pm - 3.30pm, weeks 1-4, 17th & 24th Feb; 2nd & 9th March weeks 5-8 after Easter, 6th, 13th .20th, 27th April.

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Readings for February

4th Feb - GREEN

Second Sunday before Lent Proverbs 8:1. 22-31 Psalm 104: 26-end Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel John 1: 1-14

11th Feb - GREEN

Sunday Next Before Lent 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Gospel Mark 9: 2-9

18th Feb - PURPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Peter 3: 18-end Gospel Mark 1: 9-15

25th Feb - PURPLE

Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 17: 1-7. 15-16 Psalm 22: 23-end Romans 4: 13-end Gospel Mark 8:31-end

Holsworthy Foodbank current list of needs: Tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; corned beef; long life juice; UHT milk; ham & chopped pork; tinned custard; sponge puddings; instant coffee; snack bars & sweets; jams; biscuits.

Donation Box at the back of Holsworthy Church or contact 01271 377077 for more information.

Thank you for supporting the Foodbank.

Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul Church Monday - Thursday 8.15am - Morning Prayer 5.15pm - Evening Prayer All Welcome.

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th January were: 1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 108, Michael from Derriton Road 2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 78, Katie from Underlane

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Christians Together Feb 19th at 7pm in the Blue Room in the Methodist Church in Bodmin Street Holsworthy. All Welcome

Holsworthy Church is hosting a coffee morning at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14th Feb. We would be grateful for donations of raffle prizes and tombola prizes and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

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Find out more about.....

Your Parish Church

Welcome to your local parish church. Your church belongs to you - to those who live in its parish. It is here for you through all of life: for christenings, weddings and funerals as well as on Sundays.

Weddings

Do you know that you can marry in your local church whether or not you are Christened or go to church? Talk to your vicar who will explain how to book in a wedding. The church also offers pre and post-marriage courses and church blessings, the renewal of vows and the blessing of wedding rings at anytime before or after your wedding.

Funerals

Your church is here for you and your family whenever you need us, offering friendship, support and prayers.

If you are bereaved, or have recently lost loved ones, our prayers are with you. If you would like to use our church premises for a funeral, memorial or burial please do contact us. If you would like to talk with someone either before or after a death we will arrange a meeting with one of the church members or your vicar.

Christening / Baptism

A Christening or Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life. You don't need to know anything about the Christian faith to be baptised (though it helps), and you are encouraged to grow as a Christian through learning to follow Jesus' teachings. A Christening takes place at the church font which is usually placed near the door of the church building. This is to remind us that baptism is often the entry point to the Christian faith.

Booking

To book in a wedding, a christening or a funeral, or for anything else, please contact Revd Alison Hardy - reverendalisonhardy@gmail.com - 07780295752 Benefice Administrator Libbi York - Holsworthybenefice@icloud.com, 07717750198

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Sunday 4 February 2024

Second Sunday before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth

and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,

now and for ever.

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1. 22-31 A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

PSALM Psalm 104:26-end

R I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. **R**

- There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
- which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you

to give them their food in due season. ${\bf R}$

When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;

when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they

are created,

and you renew the face of the earth. R

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works; He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. **R**

So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth

and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL John 1:1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,

by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,

- and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
- may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
- be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Sunday 11 February 2024

Sunday next before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them

crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM Psalm 50:1-6

R Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken

and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;

our God comes and will not keep silence. R

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: R

"Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare his

righteousness, for God himself is judge. R

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has

blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know

his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our lord



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Sunday 18 February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,

and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

PSALM Psalm 25:1-9

R Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

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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. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **R**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,

according to your steadfast love. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. **R**

He will guide the humble in doing right

and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited



patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Sunday 25 February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the

- light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
- grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are

agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16 A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

PSALM Psalm 22:23-end

R Be not far from me, O Lord.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them:

but when they cried to him he heard them. **R**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

their hearts shall live for ever. R

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's

and he rules over the nations. R

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,

or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for

generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people yet unborn,

declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-end A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") - Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of

Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL Mark 8:31-end

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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