

**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 **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 16:25-27**

*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.



## Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	Crib Service	Bridgerule	3pm
	Carols around the trees	Holsworthy Square	4pm
	Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity	Pyworthy	11.15pm
	Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity	Holsworthy	11.30pm
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	Sung Holy Communion	Hollacombe	9.00am
	Holy Communion with Carols – bring a Christmas present to show and tell	Bridgerule	10am
	Holy Communion with Carols	Holsworthy	10am
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
<b>BOXING DAY</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
<b>WED 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Hollacombe	3pm
<b>THU 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol Service	Holsworthy	7pm
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
<b>FRI 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	10am
<b>SUN 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Benefice Holy Communion		
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	Benefice Holy Communion with Carols followed by bring & share lunch	Holsworthy	11am
	Said Holy Communion	Holsworthy	7pm
<b>THU 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Said Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
<b>FRI 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Said Holy Communion		
<b>SAT 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Benefice Sung Holy Communion for everyone		
<b>EPIPHANY</b>	do bring your nativity wise men to be blessed	Holsworthy	4pm

### Change in times of services on Sundays - STARTING 7th JANUARY

Church	1st Sunday of the month	2nd Sunday of the month	3rd Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
<b>Bridgerule</b> St Bridget	11.15am Family Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am Family Service
<b>Hollacombe</b> St Petroc	3pm Sung BCP Evening Prayer		9.30am Sung BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Holsworthy</b> St Peter & St Paul	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Meditative Eucharist
<b>Pancrasweek</b> St Pancras				9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Pyworthy</b> St Swithun	11.15am Family Service	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	11.15am Family Communion

**5th Sundays will rota around the benefice.** Please consult the benefice service rota for services additional to, and occasional changes to, the normal services. They can also be found on the new Calendar on the Benefice Website; [www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk](http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk)

**14th Jan, 3pm, Pancrasweek Parish Church - Benefice Plough Sunday Service** with refreshments afterwards. Bring your tractor or other farming equipment (part of!) to be blessed. NB No Morning Prayer at Bridgerule.

#### Benefice Mid-Week Holy Communion and Café

St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy every Friday at 11 am. Everyone is most welcome.

#### Lay Worship Leaders

Across the Mission Community there is a need for lay worship leaders. There will be a short training course which consists of one midweek evening and the following Saturday morning. The initial course is the evening of Thur 18<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Sat 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please speak with Mother Elizabeth if interested.

#### Servers – all churches

If anyone would like to come and learn how to serve the altar for the Eucharist on a Sunday you'd be most welcome - please contact Mother Elizabeth.

*I pray you all have a blessed and joy filled Christmas with love and prayers, Mother Elizabeth*

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