

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten  
Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure  
virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born  
again  
and made your children by adoption  
and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy  
Spirit;  
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****Isaiah 52:7-10**

*A reading from the book of the prophet  
Isaiah.*

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace, who brings good  
news, who announces salvation, who  
says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their  
voices, together they sing for joy; for  
in plain sight they see the return of the  
LORD to Zion. Break forth together  
into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for  
the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD  
has bared his holy arm before the eyes  
of all the nations; and all the ends of  
the earth shall see the salvation of our  
God.

**PSALM Psalm 98**

*R Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.  
The Lord has made known his  
salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and  
faithfulness towards the house of  
Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth  
break into singing and make music. **R**

Make the music to the Lord with the  
lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the  
King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together  
before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the  
world,  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

**SECOND READING****Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors  
in many and various ways by the  
prophets, but in these last days he  
has spoken to us by a Son, whom he  
appointed heir of all things, through  
whom he also created the worlds. He  
is the reflection of God's glory and the  
exact imprint of God's very being, and  
he sustains all things by his powerful  
word. When he had made purification  
for sins, he sat down at the right  
hand of the Majesty on high, having  
become as much superior to angels  
as the name he has inherited is more  
excellent than theirs. [For to which  
of the angels did God ever say, "You  
are my Son; today I have begotten  
you"? Or again, "I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"? And again,  
when he brings the firstborn into the  
world, he says, "Let all God's angels  
worship him." Of the angels he says,  
"He makes his angels winds, and his  
servants flames of fire." But of the  
Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is  
for ever and ever, and the righteous  
sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and  
hated wickedness; therefore God, your  
God, has anointed you with the oil of

gladness beyond your companions."  
And, "In the beginning, Lord, you  
founded the earth, and the heavens  
are the work of your hands; they will  
perish, but you remain; they will all  
wear out like clothing; like a cloak you  
will roll them up, and like clothing  
they will be changed. But you are the  
same, and your years will never end."]

**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 Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our  
hearts and shine in our words and  
deeds;  
through him who is Christ the 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
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity	Holsworthy	11.30pm
	Sung Holy Communion	Hollacombe	9.00am
	Holy Communion with Carols – bring a Christmas present to show and tell	Bridgerule	10am
<b>BOXING DAY</b>	Holy Communion with Carols	Holsworthy	10am
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
<b>WED 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
<b>THU 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol Service	Hollacombe	3pm
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	7pm
<b>FRI 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
<b>SUN 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Benefice Holy Communion	Holsworthy	10am
<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>	Benefice Sung Holy Communion for everyone		
<b>SAT 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	do bring your nativity wise men to be blessed	Holsworthy	4pm
<b>EPIPHANY</b>			

### 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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