

HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
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*A warm welcome to Church today! If you have not been here before,
please make yourself known to one of the team - you are very welcome.*

		<i>Bridgerule</i>	<i>Hollacombe</i>	<i>Holsworthy</i>	<i>Pancrasweek</i>	<i>Pyworthy</i>
Second Sunday of Epiphany	14th Jan			9.30am Sung Holy Communion		11.15am Sung Holy Communion
Plough Sunday	14th Jan	3pm Benefice Evening Prayer with blessing of tractors & farm equipment				
Third Sunday of Epiphany	21st Jan	11.15am Sung Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Holy Communion		11.15am Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	28th Jan	11.15am Family Service		11.15am Morning Service 6pm Meditative Eucharist with Anointing	9.30am Holy Communion with hymns	11.15am Family Sung Holy Communion
Presentation	Fri 2nd Feb	7pm Benefice Candlemass and Patronal Festival				

**EVERY FRIDAY - COMMUNION 11am and NO COST CAFÉ 11.30am at
St Peter & St Paul Holsworthy Parish Church**

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.

Coming up...

Fri 12th Jan	11.30am	Holsworthy PCC Meeting
Tues 16th Jan	7.30pm	Growing the Rural Church - Mission Community meeting for Clergy, Churchwardens and Readers
Thurs 18th and 20th Jan	7.30pm 9.30am	Lay Worship Leaders Course - There is one place left; speak with Mthr Elizabeth if interested.
Sat 24th Feb	10am-4pm	Lent Quiet day at The Long House - please book a place with Mthr Elizabeth. £5 towards the cost & includes lunch.
Tues 27th Feb	PM	Archdeacon visiting the Deanery
Wed 28th Feb	AM	Church Coffee Morning at Memorial Hall - Donations for the raffle welcome. On the day please bring cakes and savouries and nearly new for the stalls.

Please pray for...

The recently departed:

Allan Hanchet, Kath Ford, Phyllis Skinner, Gary Smith, Peter Alford and Dorothy Chandler
and their families

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1.1-5

A reading from the book Genesis.
In the beginning when God created the
heavens and the earth, the earth was a
formless void and darkness covered the face
of the deep, while a wind from God swept
over the face of the waters. Then God said,
'Let there be light'; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good; and
God separated the light from the darkness.
God called the light Day, and the darkness
he called Night. And there was evening and
there was morning, the first day.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 19.1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed
through the inland regions and came to
Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He
said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy
Spirit when you became believers?' They
replied, 'No, we have not even heard that
there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into
what then were you baptized?' They
answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said,
'John baptized with the baptism of
repentance, telling the people to believe in
the one who was to come after him, that is,
in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
When Paul had laid his hands on them, the
Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke
in tongues and prophesied— altogether
there were about twelve of them.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear + the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
John the baptizer appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And
people from the whole Judean countryside
and all the people of Jerusalem were going
out to him, and were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now
John was clothed with camel's hair, with a
leather belt around his waist, and he ate
locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The
one who is more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to stoop down
and untie the thong of his sandals. I have
baptized you with water; but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of
Galilee and was baptized 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.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus
your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit complete the
heavenly work of our rebirth through the
waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**