

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
 who through the mighty resurrection of
 your Son
 overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him:
 grant that we, being dead to sin
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
 may reign with him in glory;
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
 be praise and honour, glory and might,
 now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Or Isaiah 25:6-9

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*R I will give thanks to you,
 for you have become my salvation.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
 "His mercy endures for ever." *R*

The Lord is my strength and my song,
 and he has become my salvation.
 Joyful shouts of salvation
 sound from the tents of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the Lord does mighty
 deeds;
 the right hand of the Lord raises up;
 the right hand of the Lord does mighty
 deeds." *R*

I shall not die, but live
 and declare the works of the Lord.
 The Lord has punished me sorely,
 but he has not given me over to death. *R*

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter and give thanks to the
 Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
 the righteous shall enter through it.
 I will give thanks to you, for you have
 answered me
 and have become my salvation. *R*

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.
 This is the Lord's doing,
 and it is marvellous in our eyes.
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad in it. *R*

Or Psalm 118:14-24

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because

I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Or Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

Either John 20:1-18

Or Mark 16:1-8

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him just as he told you!" So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
 who for our redemption gave your only-
 begotten Son to the death of the cross,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 have delivered us from the power of our
 enemy:
 grant us so to die daily to sin,
 that we may evermore live with him
 in the joy of his risen life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

1st April - Easter Sunday

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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.



Easter Blessings to you all.



After Friday 6th April the FRIDAY COMMUNION and NO COST CAFÉ at Ss Peter & Paul will start again on 27th April

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Easter Monday	<i>2nd April</i>	Creative Church with Easter Egg Hunt 11am Holsworthy Baddock Gardens 2pm Bridgerule church 4pm Pyworthy church				
Thursday of Easter Week	<i>5th April</i>	7pm Benefice Easter Said Eucharist				
Friday of Easter Week	<i>6th April</i>	10.30am Benefice Easter Said Eucharist				
Second Sunday of Easter	<i>8th April</i>	11.15am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am Sung Eucharist
Third Sunday of Easter	<i>15th April</i>	11.15am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am MP
Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>22nd April</i>	No service - Spring Lunch		9.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Meditative Eucharist with Anointing	9.30am Eucharist with hymns	11.15am Family Sung Eucharist
St George's Day	<i>23rd April</i>	5.30pm Parade Holsworthy Town Square 5.45pmish Creative Church Celebration Service 6.15-8pm activities				
Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>29th April</i>	11.15am Benefice Sung Eucharist at Bridgerule				
Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation	<i>6th May</i>	11.15am Family Sung Eucharist	3pm Benefice Rogation Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am Family Service
		3pm Benefice Rogation Evensong Hollacombe				
Ascension Day (Incense)	<i>Thus 10th May</i>	7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with Fizz afterwards Holsworthy				

THANK YOU to all who made the church look so beautiful for Easter. Also for all those that helped make Holy Week go so very well, especially Margaret and choir members. Yvonne is also someone that works very hard behind the scenes so a big thank you to her as well.

Archdeacon's Visitation 8th May 7.30pm St Mary's Bideford. Churchwarden's must attend a Visitation, officers and sidespeople are encouraged to attend as are Readers and Lay Worship Leaders.

2nd Lay Worship Leaders Course For all people that lead our worship and for anyone that might like to see if they'd like to lead worship (no preaching involved). Part 1 Sat 7th April 2-4pm at the Rectory, part 2 Sat 14th 2-4pm, in one of the churches. Please let Mthr Elizabeth know if you want to attend.

Sunday School at Ss Peter and Paul A family has enquired about Sunday School. If this is something that you feel you could help run, or assist with, please speak with Mthr Elizabeth. It only takes a few helpers and a few families to make this happen.



Holy Week

Coming Up....

Sun 15th Apr 7pm **Sankey Evening**, Hollacombe. Come and raise the roof. Refreshments afterwards.

Sat 21st Apr 4pm **Bishop Sarah's Farewell service**, Exeter Cathedral. Date changed due to snow!

Fri 27th April 7.30pm **Production of 'The Hiding Place'** on Fri 27th April at 7.30pm at the Clinton Hall in Merton. It is the story of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who helped Jews escape from the Nazis. For her efforts, she ended up in one of the concentration camps. It is the story of her courage and struggle with forgiveness. The theatre group are Oddments Theatre from Yeovil Tickets are £10 from tel: 01409 281424.

Please pray for...

The recently departed: Kenneth Rockwell and the family and friends

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If you would like anything added to this weekly Pew Sheet please email Mother Elizabeth by midday on a Thursday.