

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

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

Either **Acts 4:32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The whole group of those who believed
were of one heart and soul, and no
one claimed private ownership of any
possessions, but everything they owned
was held in common. With great power
the apostles gave their testimony to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great
grace was upon them all. There was
not a needy person among them, for as
many as owned lands or houses sold
them and brought the proceeds of what
was sold. They laid it at the apostles'
feet, and it was distributed to each as
any had need.

Or **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**

PSALM Psalm 133

*R Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.*

Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his
clothing. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his
blessing:
even life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

A reading from the first letter of John.
We declare to you what was from the
beginning, what we have heard, what
we have seen with our eyes, what we
have looked at and touched with our
hands, concerning the word of life –
this life was revealed, and we have seen
it and testify to it, and declare to you
the eternal life that was with the Father
and was revealed to us – we declare
to you what we have seen and heard
so that you also may have fellowship
with us; and truly our fellowship is
with the Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ. We are writing these things so
that our joy may be complete. This is
the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light
and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we say that we have fellowship with
him while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true; but
if we walk in the light as he himself is
in the light, we have fellowship with
one another, and the blood of Jesus
his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we
say that we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If
we confess our sins, he who is faithful
and just will forgive us our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If
we say that we have not sinned, we make
him a liar, and his word is not in us.
My little children, I am writing these
things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an
advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous; and he is the atoning
sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours
only but also for the sins of the whole
world.

Or **Acts 4:32-35**

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*
It was evening on the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with
you." After he said this, he showed
them his hands and his side. Then the
disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace
be with you. As the Father has sent
me, so I send you." When he had said
this, he breathed on them and said
to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If
you forgive the sins of any, they are
forgiven them; if you retain the sins of
any, they are retained." But Thomas
(who was called the Twin), one of the
twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. So the other disciples told him,
"We have seen the Lord." But he said
to them, "Unless I see the mark of the
nails in his hands, and put my finger
in the mark of the nails and my hand
in his side, I will not believe." A week
later his disciples were again in the
house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus
came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." Then he said to
Thomas, "Put your finger here and see
my hands. Reach out your hand and
put it in my side. Do not doubt but
believe." Thomas answered him, "My
Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you have
seen me? Blessed are those who have
not seen and yet have come to believe."
Now Jesus did many other signs in
the presence of his disciples, which are
not written in this book. But these are
written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of
God, and that through believing you
may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with
him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

8th April - Second Sunday of Easter

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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.



The next 10.30am FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ at Ss Peter & Paul will start again on 27th April

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Third Sunday of Easter	15th April	11.15am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am MP
Fourth Sunday of Easter	22nd April	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	23rd April	5.30pm Parade Holsworthy Town Square 5.45pmish Creative Church Celebration 6.15-8pm activities, Holsworthy				
Friday	27th April	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ, Holsworthy				
Fifth Sunday of Easter	29th April	11.15am Benefice Sung Eucharist, Bridgerule				
Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation	6th May	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)	Thus 10th May	7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with Fizz afterwards, Holsworthy				

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Growing the Rural Church Project Val Harris, Robert Wright, Helen Young are going to represent our benefice for the Growing the Rural Church Project. My thanks go to them. This is a good mix and goes across rural, village and town. The first get together for all the representatives of the Mission Community and the clergy will be on 17th May in Ashwater. This is for a workshop to start looking at models for the Mission Community. Please do keep us and this project in your prayers. I will ensure that any progression is communicated for information and feedback.

Administrator Thank you all for your consideration about the need for administrative support. At APCMs all the churches were in favour of such support. The Holsworthy APCM decided they wanted to trial voluntary support from the congregation for three months first. This will hopefully commence at the end of April/beginning of May. At the end of July this will be reviewed.

Thank you to all who made the churches look so beautiful for Easter. Also for all those that helped make Holy Week go so very well, especially the organists and choir members. Yvonne, Liffy, Jan, Val and Bob are also people that worked very hard behind the scenes so a big thank you to them 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.

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.

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'** 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.