

## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

**EITHER Baruch 5: 1-9**

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


Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

**Or Malachi 3:1-4**

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

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can

stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**CANTICLE Luke 1:68-79**   
**(Benedictus)**

*R Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel.*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 1:3-11**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that

the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

## POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

## 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Advent

*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.*



Advent

### 11am Community No Cost Café at Ss Peter & Paul Parish Church

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy 7.30pm Market Carol Service, Livestock Market				
Third Sunday of Advent	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.15am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist 6pm Town Carol Service		9.30am Morning Prayer
	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6.30pm Joint Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel		9.30am Sung Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11.15am Sung Eucharist
Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm Crib Service		4pm Carols in the Square 11.30pm Midnight Mass		11am Crib Service 9pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Sung BCP Holy Communion	9am Sung Eucharist		
	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
First Sunday of Christmas	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10am Benefice Sung Eucharist, Pancrasweek</b>				
	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
Epiphany	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.15am Sung Eucharist	3pm Sung Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service

#### Notices

**Coffee Morning.** We have a stall at the Lion's Coffee Morning on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Any items would be gratefully received, cakes, biscuits, sweets, savouries etc to sell with our hamper and teddy raffle tickets. Please come along and support us.

**Town Carol Service.** Once again we would like to offer festive refreshments after the Holsworthy Civic Carol Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to contribute by donating mince pies and other seasonal finger food; it would be very helpful to bring them along to the morning service at Holsworthy that day.

**Holsworthy Primary School** need volunteers to hear pupils read or help with simple maths. If you would like to help out, even if only for an hour once a week, please contact the school on [01409 253700](tel:01409253700) or email Mr Anthony Pope on [apope@holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:apope@holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk)

**Singers for Advent and Christmas Carol Services,** also at Midnight Mass (11.30pm) and Christmas Morning at Holsworthy. All Welcome.

Last practices at Holsworthy Church Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.45pm. For more details contact John Timbury on Holsworthy 259421.

**Hollacombe Statement of Theological Conviction** – The Bishop of Exeter has requested a change to Mother Elizabeth's licence. This change is to reflect the Statement of Theological Conviction issued on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Hollacombe PCC has decided to draft a new Statement of Conviction to rescind that issued on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A copy of the proposed new Statement of Conviction is in St Petroc's Church for the congregation to read. This will be proposed and voted on at the next Hollacombe PCC on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2.30pm.

**Book of Remembrance** - The book is being up-dated – anyone who would like a friend or relative to be included please contact Carol Weston.

**Re-cycled Greetings Cards** – Cards are available to purchase. Anyone who has any old cards for re-cycling please pass on to Carol Weston.

**Friends of Holsworthy Parish Church.** Please encourage people in the community to become a Friend. Packs available at the back of the church to give to anyone who may be interested, including organisations. Please let Mother Elizabeth know if you are interested in coming on the sub-committee.

#### Coming up:-

Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> at Ss Peter & Paul Church for Christmas Services
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	<b>Funeral of the late Frances Matthews</b> - Holsworthy Church
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	<b>Carol Concert</b> – Pyworthy in aid of the Children's Hospice
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	<b>Carol Service</b> - followed by refreshments and mince pies
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5pm	<b>School Christingle</b> – Bridgerule
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	<b>Holsworthy Primary School Christmas Service</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> at St Peter & Paul Church
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm	<b>Carol Service</b> – Hollacombe
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	2.45pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> at St Peter & Paul Church

**Please pray for the recently departed: Francis Mathews, Yvonne Pharo their family and friends**

Webpage - [www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk](http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk)

Facebook Page-Holsworthy Benefice

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