

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your
 messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and
 stewards of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make
 ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the
 disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
 that at your second coming to judge
 the world
 we may be found an acceptable
 people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with the
 Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout,
 O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all
 your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The
 LORD has taken away the judgements
 against you, he has turned away
 your enemies. The king of Israel, the
 LORD, is in your midst; you shall
 fear disaster no more. On that day
 it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not
 fear, O Zion; do not let your hands
 grow weak. The LORD, your God, is
 in your midst, a warrior who gives
 victory; he will rejoice over you with
 gladness, he will renew you in his
 love; he will exult over you with loud
 singing as on a day of festival. I will
 remove disaster from you, so that you
 will not bear reproach for it. I will deal
 with all your oppressors at that time.
 And I will save the lame and gather
 the outcast, and I will change their
 shame into praise and renown in all
 the earth. At that time I will bring you
 home, at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and
 praised among all the peoples of the
 earth, when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Isaiah 12:2-6**

Or **Psalm 146:4-10**

R The Lord shall reign for ever.

Happy are those who have the God
 of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
 Who made heaven and earth,
 the sea and all that is in them;
 who keeps his promise for ever;
 Who gives justice to those that suffer
 wrong
 and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are bound;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
 The Lord lifts up those who are
 bowed down;
 the Lord loves the righteous; **R**

The Lord watches over the stranger
 in the land;
 he upholds the orphan and widow;
 but the way of the wicked he turns
 upside down.
 The Lord shall reign for ever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all
 generations. Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
 will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness
 be known to everyone. The Lord is
 near. Do not worry about anything,
 but in everything by prayer and
 supplication with thanksgiving let
 your requests be made known to
 God. And the peace of God, which
 surpasses all understanding, will
 guard your hearts and your minds in
 Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came
 out to be baptised by him, "You
 brood of vipers! Who warned you to
 flee from the wrath to come?"

Bear fruits worthy of repentance.
 Do not begin to say to yourselves,
 'We have Abraham as our ancestor';
 for I tell you, God is able from
 these stones to raise up children to
 Abraham. Even now the axe is lying
 at the root of the trees; every tree
 therefore that does not bear good
 fruit is cut down and thrown into
 the fire." And the crowds asked
 him, "What then should we do?"
 In reply he said to them, "Whoever
 has two coats must share with
 anyone who has none; and whoever
 has food must do likewise." Even
 tax-collectors came to be baptised,
 and they asked him, "Teacher, what
 should we do?" He said to them,
 "Collect no more than the amount
 prescribed for you." Soldiers also
 asked him, "And we, what should
 we do?" He said to them, "Do
 not extort money from anyone by
 threats or false accusation, and be
 satisfied with your wages." As the
 people were filled with expectation,
 and all were questioning in their
 hearts concerning John, whether
 he might be the Messiah, John
 answered all of them by saying,
 "I baptise you with water; but one
 who is more powerful than I is
 coming; I am not worthy to untie the
 thong of his sandals. He will baptise
 you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
 His winnowing-fork is in his hand,
 to clear his threshing-floor and to
 gather the wheat into his granary;
 but the chaff he will burn with
 unquenchable fire." So, with many
 other exhortations, he proclaimed
 the good news to the people.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for
 these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his face;
 who is alive and reigns now and for
 ever.



The Lord shall reign for ev - er.

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

16th December 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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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.



Advent



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

		Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
	21 st Dec	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 rd 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 th Dec	3pm Crib Service		4pm Carols in the Square 11.30pm Midnight Mass		11am Crib Service 9pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	25 th Dec	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Sung BCP Holy Communion	9am Sung Eucharist		
	27 th Dec		3pm Carol Service			
	28 th Dec	10.30am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 11am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
First Sunday of Christmas	30 th Dec	10am Benefice Sung Eucharist, Pancrasweek				
	4 th Jan	10.00am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 10.30am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
Epiphany	6 th Jan	11.15am Sung Eucharist	3pm Sung Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service
	11 Jan	10.00am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION & 10.30am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
1 st Sunday after Epiphany	13 th Jan			9.30am Sung Eucharist	3pm Plough Service	11.15am Sung Eucharist

Notices

Christmas Day – do bring a Santa present to the Christmas morning service to Show and Tell.

Epiphany 6th January – bring your nativity Wise men to services 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

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:-

Sun 16 th Dec 6pm	Carol Service - followed by refreshments and mince pies
Mon 17 th Dec 5pm	School Christingle – Bridgerule
Tue 18 th Dec 9.30am	Holsworthy Primary School Christmas Service
Wed 19 th Dec 2.45pm	Choir Practice for Christmas services
Thu 27 th Dec 3pm	Carol Service – Hollacombe
Wed 2 nd Jan 2.45pm	No Choir Practice
Wed 9 th Jan 2.45pm	Choir Practice at St Peter & Paul Church
Wed 16 th Jan 2.45pm	Choir Practice at St Peter & Paul Church
Fri 18 th Jan 2.30pm	Hollacombe PCC

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