

## COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
 who prepared the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary  
 to be the mother of your Son:  
 grant that, as she looked for his  
 coming as our saviour,  
 so we may be ready to greet him  
 when he comes again as our judge;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

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

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

## PSALM Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20

[80:1-8]

**R** Turn us again, O God;

show the light of your countenance,  
 and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
 you that led Joseph like a flock;  
 Shine forth, you that are enthroned  
 upon the cherubim,  
 before Ephraim, Benjamin and  
 Manasseh.

Stir up your mighty strength  
 and come to our salvation. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,  
 how long will you be angry at your  
 people's prayer?

You feed them with the bread of  
 tears;  
 you give them abundance of tears  
 to drink.

You have made us the derision of  
 our neighbours  
 and our enemies laugh us to  
 scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man at  
 your right hand,  
 the son of man you made so strong  
 for yourself.

And so will we not go back from  
 you;  
 give us life, and we shall call upon  
 your name. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 1:1-7**

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,  
 called to be an apostle, set apart  
 for the gospel of God, which he  
 promised beforehand through his  
 prophets in the holy scriptures, the  
 gospel concerning his Son, who was  
 descended from David according  
 to the flesh and was declared  
 to be Son of God with power  
 according to the spirit of holiness by  
 resurrection from the dead, Jesus  
 Christ our Lord. Through Christ we  
 have received grace and apostleship  
 to bring about the obedience of  
 faith among all the Gentiles for  
 the sake of his name, including  
 yourselves who are called to  
 belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's  
 beloved in Rome, who are called to  
 be saints: Grace to you and peace  
 from God our Father and the Lord  
 Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-end

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

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
 who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 to be the mother of the promised  
 saviour:  
 fill us your servants with your grace,  
 that in all things we may embrace  
 your holy will  
 and with her rejoice in your  
 salvation;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.





# Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

## 22nd December 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
<b>Sunday 22nd Dec</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	7pm Joint Carol Service with Methodist Church		9.30 Sung Morning Prayer	9.30 Sung Eucharist	11.15 Sung Eucharist
<i>Prayer intentions: For hope in our lives, Holsworthy Pannier Market, all who live at Whimble Hill and Winterland Lane, Holsworthy</i>					
<b>Monday 23rd Dec</b>					
<i>Prayer intentions: For peace</i>					
<b>Tuesday 24th Dec</b>	3pm Crib Service		4.30pm Carols around the Christmas tree in the Square 11.30pm Midnight Mass		11am Crib Service 8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
<i>Prayer intentions: For all who have asked for our prayers</i>					
<b>Wednesday 25th Dec</b>	10.30am Eucharist with Carols		9am Eucharist with Carols		
<i>Prayer intentions: That we may receive the Christ-Child</i>					
<b>Thursday 26th Dec</b>			3.15 Choir Practice		
<i>Prayer intentions: For those working away from home</i>					
<b>Friday 27th Dec</b>	10am Benefice FRIDAY COMMUNION and 1030am NO COST CAFÉ Holsworthy				
<i>Prayer intentions: 3pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Hollacombe</i>					
<b>Saturday 28th Dec</b>					
<i>Prayer intentions: For children who suffer at the hands of others</i>					
<b>Sunday 29th Dec</b> <b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b>				10am Benefice Sung Eucharist	
<i>Prayer intentions: For those who's Family has rejected them</i>					
<b>Sunday 5th January 2020</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Christmas</b>	11am Sung Eucharist	3pm Sung BCP Evensong	9.30 Sung Eucharist		9.30 All Age Worship
<i>Prayer intentions: For all to know the love of Christ, our lay worship leaders, all who live at Anvil Corner</i>					

#### Notices

Holsworthy Church is short of **£3500** to pay all the bills. Please donate or help with fundraising.

**Christmas card:** Please remember to sign the large Christmas card at the back of Holsworthy Church and give a donation, if you would like to.

**Christmas Services:** Please remember to collect your card giving details of our Christmas Services from the back of our Churches.

**St Peter's Jackpot Draw** -Get your tickets from PCC members **£3 for the remaining 3 months. Next draw 20th January.**  
All monies towards Holsworthy Church.