

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
 who at the baptism of Jesus
 revealed him to be your Son,
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
 grant to us, who are born again by
 water and the Spirit,
 that we may be faithful to our calling as
 your adopted children;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;
 in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING

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."

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-end

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

POST COMMUNION

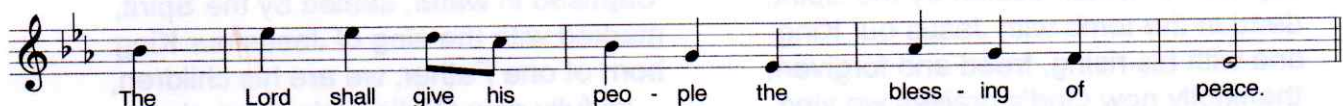
Lord of all time and eternity,
 you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
 in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
 by the power of your Spirit
 complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
 through the waters of the new creation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM Psalm 29



R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,





HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek



12th January 2020 ~ Baptism of Christ

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A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sunday 12th Jan Baptism of Christ			9.30 Sung Eucharist		11.15 Sung Eucharist
3pm BENEFICE Plough Service at Pancrasweek					
Prayer intentions: For those new in the faith, our Clergy and Reader, all who live at Aunay Close, Kingswood Meadow & Terrace, Holsworthy					
Monday 13th Jan					
Prayer intentions: For those who suffer in silence					
Tuesday 14th Jan			7pm PCC, Rectory		
Prayer intentions: For those affected by evil					
Wednesday 15th Jan			3pm Messy Church, Primary school		
Prayer intentions: For those who are bedridden					
Thursday 16th Jan			3.15 Choir Practice		
Prayer intentions: For those who care for the sick					
Friday 17th Jan			10am Said Eucharist		
Prayer intentions: That we may forgive as we have been forgiven					
Saturday 18th January					
Prayer intentions: For Christian Unity, for the deaf and the blind					
Sunday 19th Jan Epiphany II	11.15 Sung Eucharist	9.30 BCP Holy Communion	9.30 Sung Eucharist 6-8pm SNC - Rectory		9.30 Morning Prayer
Prayer intentions: For Christian Unity & all denominations of the Church across the world, Holsworthy deanery synod reps, all who live at Bounds Cross					

Notices

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sat 18th Jan - Sat 25th Jan.

Burn's Supper 24th January - In the Memorial Hall. To raise money for Holsworthy Church. Please see posters for more information. Tickets available from Thomas Westcott, White Hart Hotel and Mother Elizabeth.

Christians Together - at Lower Chasty (courtesy of Sarah Gainsbury) at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd January. All welcome.

Mission Shed Thursday 6th February 2020 7 pm for 7.30pm start - 9 p.m. at Boston Tea Party Cafe, Tuly Street, Barnstaple (by the Cattle market Car Park) - please see poster/website.

Deanery Synod 13th Feb 7.30pm - Methodist Hall

Lent Course - Tuesdays during Lent, 7pm at the Rectory. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Holsworthy Church or email Mother Elizabeth.

HYMN

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Jesus our King:
trusting his promise, heirs of salvation,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Jesus our King:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sing of Jesus our King:
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

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