

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM Psalm 40:1-12

R *Great are the wonders you have done,
O Lord my God.*

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my
footing sure. **R**

He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that
follow a lie. **R**

Great are the wonders you have done,
O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with
you.
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to
express. **R**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you
have not required,
then said I: "Lo, I come. **R**

"In the scroll of the book it is written of
me that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my
heart."
I have declared your righteousness in the
great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know. **R**
Your righteousness I have not hidden in
my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness
and truth from the great congregation.
Do not withhold your compassion from
me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness always
preserve me. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking

in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

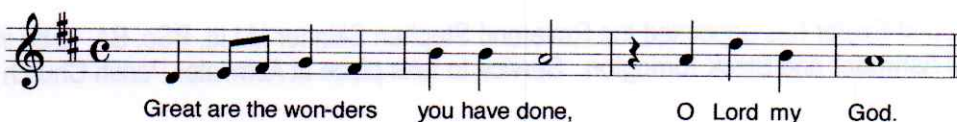
GOSPEL John 1:29-42

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.



HOLSWORTHY BENEFICE

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek



19th January 2020~Epiphany II

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A very warm welcome to church today

| | Bridgerule | Hollacombe | Holsworthy | Pancrasweek | Pyworthy |
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| Sunday 19th January | 11.15 Sung Eucharist | 9.30 BCP Holy Communion | 9.30 Sung Eucharist 6-8 SNC | | 9.30 Morning Prayer |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For Christian Unity & all denominations of the Church across the world, Holsworthy deanery synod reps, all who live at Bounds Cross</i> | | | | | |
| Monday 20th Jan | | | | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For the departed</i> | | | | | |
| Tuesday 21st Jan | | | | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For those in authority</i> | | | | | |
| Wednesday 22nd Jan | | | | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For the grace to rely on God</i> | | | | | |
| Thursday 23rd Jan | | | 3.15 Choir Practice | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For the sick</i> | | | | | |
| Friday 24th Jan | | | 10am Said Eucharist | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For the mission of the Church</i> | | | | | |
| Saturday 25th Jan | | | | | |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For the overburdened</i> | | | | | |
| Sunday 26th Jan | 11.15 Morning Prayer | | 9.30 Sung MP | 9.30 Sung Eucharist | 11.15 Sung Eucharist |
| <i>Prayer intentions: For teachers of faith, our parish safeguarding reps, all who live at Belle Vue and Fore Street, Holsworthy</i> | | | | | |

Notices

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

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

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 NO LATER THAN Tuesday 21st Jan.

Christians Together coffee morning 29th January. Any help with serving would be gratefully received as would edibles for sale on the day.

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

Bridgerule PCC 19th February 7.30pm

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.

Thank You to everyone for their additional Christmas donations enabling Holsworthy Parish Church to pay their Common Fund in full for 2019. Thank you also to Lizzy Flaherty for selling many raffle tickets.

JOY 2020 Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th March Bishop in Mission. Bishop's Robert, Nick and Jackie will be spending the 4 days in north Devon including a service at Rosemoor at 3pm on Sunday 8th. All will be welcome. Further details for the 4 days to follow.

Welcome of Stephen Skinner The Bishop of Exeter has appointed the Reverend Stephen Skinner M.Litt, BSc, BA, to be interim Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of Ashwater and Black Torrington. Service to take place at Ashwater Parish Church 2nd February at 4pm.

Webpage - www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk

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