

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's
religion,
that they may reject those things that
are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

PSALM Psalm 121

R *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to
stumble;
he who watches over you will not
sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by
day,
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over you
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5. 13-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very

truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

8th March 2020~Second Sunday of Lent

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A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sunday 8th March	11.15 Morning Prayer		9.30 Sung Eucharist		11.15 Sung Eucharist
<i>Prayer intentions: that we do not fall prey to the material world, General Synod, all who live at Glebelands, Holsworthy</i>					
Monday 9th March					
<i>Prayer intentions: for those living with a disability</i>					
Tuesday 10th March					
<i>Prayer intentions: that those in positions of authority will seek the common good</i>					
Wednesday 11th March					
<i>Prayer intentions: for all the departed</i>					
Thursday 12th March			3.15 Choir Practice		
<i>Prayer intentions: a better understanding Scripture</i>					
Friday 13th March			10am Said Eucharist		
<i>Prayer intentions: faithfulness to God</i>					
Saturday 14th March					
<i>Prayer intentions: the lapsed</i>					
Sunday 15th March	11.15 Sung Eucharist	9.30 Sung BCP Holy Communion	9.30 Sung Eucharist		9.30 Morning Prayer
<i>Prayer intentions: the gift of a more generous heart, Diocesan Synod, all who live at Chapel Street and East View, Holsworthy</i>					

Notices

Coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak and the sensible precautions (as at 06/03/20 updates will be given out as they occur);
Sharing the Peace - we can continue to share the Peace by shaking hands, according to the current guidance, though some people may prefer to share the Peace just verbally as a precaution.

Holy Communion - Churches should already be following best-hygiene practices that include parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from handshaking during the Peace and to receive Holy Communion in one kind only (ie only the consecrated bread). Communion in one kind is sufficient and not just "half-communion". Intinction (dipping the communion wafer into the consecrated wine) will no longer take place because this represents an infection transmission route. The placing of the wafer/host on the tongue will also cease as it is a potential source of transmission. Communicants may nevertheless decide to receive in one kind only at their own discretion.

TODAY - JOY 2020 Sunday 8th March Bishop's Robert, Nick and Jackie will be taking a service at **Rosemoor at 3pm**.

Wednesday March 11th - Coffee morning in the Memorial Hall for Church funds. Please bring along any cakes and savouries that we can sell, tombola items, bottles of wine for a 'Water into Wine' game and raffle items, thank you. Please come along and help and support us.

Funeral of the late Nina George RIP is to be held at Barnstaple Crematorium on Tuesday 17th March at 12.20pm.

Funeral of the late Donald Dockett RIP is to be held at Holsworthy Church on Tuesday 17th March at 2pm.

Saturday 21st March - Quiz Night in aid of Holsworthy Church funds. At the RBL club. £3 per person teams of up to 6. Let's put in a couple of church teams.

NEW-Chatty Cafe scheme - On Fridays 10.45-12 noon at The Meet n' Eat Cafe, Holsworthy, there will be a 'Chatter & Natter' Table with free biscuits and tea and coffee for a £1 (full menu also available). If you know of anyone who might like a bit of company, young or old, then do tell them about the scheme or even bring them along. www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk

NEW - Monthly Prayer Group for the Growth of the Church in our area. On first Saturdays of the month, 10.30-11.30am. Starting on Saturday 4th April at Cinders Court, School Lane, Chilsworthy, EX22 7BQ.

The winners of the Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th February were -

1st Prize, £27.50 – ticket number 120, D from Church Lane

2nd Prize, £5.50 – ticket number 117, Karen from Glebe Meadow

March is the last month of the 2019/20 Jackpot Draw - to renew your ticket please place money in an envelope with name, telephone no. and ticket no. and give to Helen Narborough or Mother Elizabeth. New tickets also available.