

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but  
first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was  
crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of  
the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and  
peace;  
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

### Exodus 17:1-7

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## PSALM Psalm 95

*R Come, let us worship and bow down.*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our  
salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
"When your forebears tested me, and put me  
to the proof,  
though they had seen my works. **R**

"Forty years long I detested that generation  
and said,  
'This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.'  
"So I swore in my wrath,  
'They shall not enter into my rest.'" **R**

## SECOND READING

### Romans 5:1-11

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## GOSPEL John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus

said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations of the world, the flesh and the  
devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the  
only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down.

# Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

## 15th March 2020~Third Sunday of Lent

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### A very warm welcome to church today

	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
<b>Sunday 15th March</b> Lent 3	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>					
<b>Monday 16th March</b>					
<i>Prayer intentions: those who resort to violence</i>					
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b> Patrick of Ireland					
<i>Prayer intentions: teachers of the faith</i>					
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b> Cyril of Jerusalem					
<i>Prayer intentions: our obedience to the will of God</i>					
<b>Thursday 19th March</b> Joseph of Nazareth			3.15 Choir Practice		
<i>Prayer intentions: understanding towards others</i>					
<b>Friday 20th March</b> Cuthbert			10am Said Eucharist		
<i>Prayer intentions: those in difficult relationships</i>					
<b>Saturday 21st March</b> Thomas Cranmer					
<i>Prayer intentions: the gift of holiness</i>					
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b> Mothering Sunday	11.15 Morning Prayer		9.30 Sung Morning Prayer	9.30 Sung Eucharist	11.15 Sung Eucharist
<i>Prayer intentions: a deepening of our prayer life, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, all who live at Central Avenue, Deer Valley and Westcroft Road, Holsworthy</i>					

### Notices

#### Coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak and precautions (as at 12/03/20, updates will be given out as they occur);

In light of the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom, it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, passing the collection bags, and "laying on of hands". We also need to stand to receive the host (bread) so as not to use the altar rail. Pebble pools in Holsworthy and Pyworthy are to be removed until further notice. Serving of refreshments after the service is also suspended.

**Holsworthy Church Coffee Morning.** Thank you to everyone who helped and donated anything to the Church coffee morning that was held in the Memorial Hall. The total raised was an amazing £325.20!

**Wednesday 18th March** Holsworthy PCC at 7pm in the Rectory

**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.thechattycafesheme.co.uk](http://www.thechattycafesheme.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.

**Tuesday 24th March** at 7pm the AGM of the Christians Together Group of Holsworthy and District in the Yellow Room, Bodmin Street Chapel, Holsworthy. It is important that churches are represented. All are welcome.

**Wednesday 25th March** Said Eucharist at 7pm followed by APCM at 7.30pm in St Bridget's, Bridgerule

**Tuesday 21st April 2020** Said Eucharist at 7pm followed by APCM at 7.30pm in St Peter and St Paul, Holsworthy

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Please pray for the recently departed: Terry Brock, Doreen Dowell, Peter Sheppard, Marjorie Baldwin, Beryl May Allin, Nina George, Jill Durling, Donald Dockett their Family and Friends.

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