

Holsworthy Benefice ~ News Sheet No 32a

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

4th November 2020 ~ during Kingdom Season

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Paul wrote this to the Christians in Ephesus, and I offer it to you now;

For this reason I (Paul) bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3: 14-17

We come to another lock down. Not at the same level as in March but still a time of isolation. The Archbishops, the Bishop of London and many other world faith leaders in England have written to the Government stating why worship is essential and not to be classed as the same as a non essential recreational activity. This virus is not going away and neither is God's love for us. Christ is with us in our loneliness, our fear and our frustrations.

Last Sunday we were really fortunate to have Bishop Robert come and take Confirmation and the Eucharist. I certainly felt spiritually refreshed by his presence and receiving the sacraments. The sacrament of Christ himself, to be present as the Bishop called down the Holy Spirit, and to receive a blessing to go back out into the world. As Christians and believers we need to recharge our batteries. Leisure, rest and good nutrition is not sufficient we need and must spend time with God and invite Christ to dwell in our hearts.

We may not be allowed to come together in our church buildings from 5th November but we can spend time with God in many other ways. Worship, prayer and study on Zoom. Watching broadcasts and live streams on the TV and internet. Reading our bibles and praying at home. Taking a walk and spending time with God in nature. Listening to services on the radio. Phoning in to worship services. I urge you to find a way to spend time with God whilst we find ourselves once again in isolation.

Yours in Christ

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

9.30am on Zoom



9.30am at Pyworthy War Memorial



11am at Holsworthy War Memorial

11am will be live streamed on the Holsworthy Benefice Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/HolsworthyChurches

This means that you will be able to watch it from home and this is the best option

If you come to either war memorial your details will be needed for Test and Trace. You must stay 2 metres apart from anyone outside your household or bubble.

Stay at home and join in online

MONTH OF PRAYER

During this next lock down we are asked to pray at 6pm each day.

Whatever you do at that time please stop and pray even if only for a minute.

Don't let other things get in the way.

Miss a day start again the next day.

All welcome to come and explore the book of Isaiah on Wednesday afternoons, 3pm on Zoom

Please see the website for the recent

LETTERS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC
written by our senior clergy and others
www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/covid

From the letter to the clergy on All Saints' Day;

"Bearing in mind our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ is to pray and to serve we call upon the Church of England to make this month of lockdown a month of prayer. More than anything else, whatever the nation thinks, we know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures for ever.

Above all we recall people to some of the fundamental spiritual disciplines that shape our Christian life. How we do this is up to each congregation and clergy person. We will publish resources to support you before the first day of lockdown. During the first lockdown we cheered for the NHS every Thursday.

During this second lockdown we invite you to fast in a way appropriate to you as well as pray for our nation every Thursday, for its leaders, its health and essential services and all those who suffer."

WORSHIP, PRAYER AND STUDY ON **ZOOM**

Sundays	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesdays	7pm	Contemplative Prayer
Wednesdays	3pm	Starting 4th Nov - 'Understanding Isaiah'
Fridays	12 Noon	Midday Prayer

All on Zoom details below;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633460276?>
 To join by phone: 0131 460 1196
 ID 826 3346 0276 Password: **benefice**



HOLSWORTHY COVID-19 MUTUAL AID

The community working together to support each other



WE ARE STILL HERE TO HELP
 CONTACT THIS NUMBER FOR LOCAL SUPPORT
07340 633055

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ARRANGING DELIVERIES


PICKING UP SHOPPING & MEDICATION


A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL


POSTING MAIL


URGENT SUPPLIES


HELP TOPPING UP ELECTRIC OR GAS KEY


HELP WITH PETS

or any of the following;
Call: 07340633055

Facebook: Holsworthy COVID-19 Mutual Aid;
Email: mutualaidholsworthy@protonmail.com

GIVE SUPPORT

If you would like to support the community and join in, we can add you to the Facebook group that is for volunteers. Please join the group - Holsworthy COVID-19 Mutual Aid

DONATE

Via the [gofundme](#) page - *Supporting the Community of Holsworthy*
 By bacs
 HSBC; Sort Code: 40-24-25 A/c no: 81301454
 In the description please put donation and name.
Please email us so we can thank you.



From the Holsworthy COVID-19 Mutual Aid leaders;

Mother Elizabeth Burke, Cllr Jon Hutchings, Mr Nigel Kenneally

01271 322362 **NHS**
 Northern Devon Healthcare
NHS Trust

Cruse Bereavement Care
 0300 330 5466



F&G
 Families In Grief
 01237 479027

Marie Curie
 0800 3047 412

Hospice
 01271 347225



Has someone died?
We are here to help.

Search ataloss.org for local and specific bereavement support services.

Helping the bereaved **find support** www.ataloss.org

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING FOR WHATEVER REASON
 PLEASE PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL SOMEONE.
 THAT COULD BE THE MUTUAL AID NUMBER 07340633055
 A FRIEND, A RELATIVE
 OR MOTHER ELIZABETH ON 07990978485
 THERE IS NO SHAME IN ASKING FOR HELP OR NEEDING TO TALK TO SOMEONE
PLEASE CALL