

# Holsworthy Benefice Oct 2024 News Sheet



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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
6th Oct	11am Joint Service at the Chapel -Harvest Festival	9.30am Sung Mass	11am Harvest Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
13th Oct	11am Sung Eucharist	3pm Evensong	11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Harvest Service
20th Oct		9.30am Sung Mass	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
27th Oct	11am All Age Harvest Eucharist		11am Cafe Style Service	2pm All Age Harvest Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
2nd Nov					6pm All Souls Service
3rd Nov	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service

# Dear friends,

During October we continue to celebrate harvest among our rural congregations and with our schools. We also focus on a different form of growth in our congregations:

- you are invited to an autumn course reflecting on baptism and confirmation to explore the basic beliefs of Christianity.
- for those who serve as Lay Worship Leaders (or would like to think about doing so), please join us on Saturday 5th October in an interactive workshop.
- bring your church congregation to the first session of Leading Your Church into Growth

For fuller details of all events, please see in the notices.

Autumn blessings to all in Christ Jesus, Alison

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# **Readings for October**

### 6th Oct- Green

**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity** 

Genesis 2:18-24

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 8

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12 Gospel Mark 10:2-16

# 13th Oct- Green

**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity** 

Amos 5:6-7. 10-15 Job 23 1-9. 16-end

Psalm 90: 1:2-end Hebrews 4:12-end Gospel Mark 10:17-31

# **Harvest Readings-**

Joel 2.21-27 1 Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33

# 20th Oct- Green

**Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity** 

Isaiah 53:4-end

Job 38: 1-7 (34-end)

Psalm 91:9-end

**Hebrews 5:1-10** 

**Gospel Mark 10: 35-45** 

# 27th Oct-Green

Bible Sunday Isaiah 55:1-11 Psalm 19:7-end 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Gospel Mark 5:36-end

Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul Church
Monday - Thursday
8.15am - Morning Prayer
5.15pm - Evening Prayer
All Welcome.

Jackpot Draw - The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn in September were: 1st Prize, £17.75 - ticket number 37, Helen from Trewyn Park

Thank you

Just want to say thank you for all your kind wishes, prayers, cards and gifts for our wedding in August.

We had a amazing day, spent with our friends and family, and made some fantastic memories which we will hold on to.

Libbi and Dave Cullimore

# Find out more about.....Mary Aicheler

30 Years Reflections.

Hi everyone I am Mary Aicheler and Reader to the benefice and this Month I celebrate 30 years of service since my admission and first licensing at Bristol Cathedral. I was born towards the end of the 2nd World War and spent most of my childhood with my sister and parents in a small village in North Essex. As a family we attended the village church even then a shared benefice so we had the evening service. It was here at the age of between 8-10 cannot really remember I read my first lesson in Church part of the nine lessons and carols I read as a Brownie from Luke chapter 2. Then at the age of seventeen and a half I left home to join the Wrens During my time I met up with the Navel Christian fellowship who had regular bible studies and I was soon roped in to help lead them. They also had holidays which included a spiritual content as well as being great fun. After six years I left hoping to join the Church Army but due to catching glandular fever which would not clear I had to leave. This led to marriage raising two children and being a wife and mum. I still led the occasional bible study but that was all. As the children got older I did voluntary work which gave me an incite into other aspects of life. This was first with the WRVS and then with Oxfam.

By this time we were living in Yate in the diocese of Bristol. Our Parish church wanted to run a two year fairly intense study course. To have it in the parish we had to have a certain number sign up so I said I would go and as we had just got our first computer 1991 I also had a go at writing the essays. At the end we were asked if we wanted to do a further year to become Lay Readers one of the girls said I should do it. Not sure so I spoke to our Vicar who thought it was a good idea. I sort of in some ways got in by the back door God had his plans he just had to get me in the right place so I would than see what he wanted for me.

All that was 30 years ago I not sure how many sermons I have preached since then and preaching is still my first love but during the years I have also done other things bible studies, after school club, and then about 18 years as Lyle was leaving Pyworthy he asked if i would take on the service at Southlands till the new Rector was appointed I am still there though both the home it residents and much else has changed over that time. Then after Pyworthy church joined with Holsworthy I was asked again during a vacancy to take services in Deer Park and Bodmerick [Now The Roses] I should have known better because again with The Roses I am still there. More of the residents now have some form of dementia are older have difficulty with their sight and hearing yet are still loved by God still his children so after the service I try to go round and at least say a word to most of then showing we still care. As I go in as your representative a presence of the church in that place. I just thank God for his call his always being with me and giving me the gifts I need to fulfil the mission he has given me.am looking forward to university and to see what the next chapter of my life brings!

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# **Suncay** 6 October 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

#### COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

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**

#### Either Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken. Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Or Job 1:1; 2:1-10

#### **PSALM Psalm 8**

R O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised

out of the mouths of babes at the

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,

that you might still the enemy and the avenger. R

When I consider your heavens, the work

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What is man, that you should be mindful

the son of man, that you should seek him out? R

You have made him little lower than the angels

and crown him with glory and honour. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under his feet. R

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. R

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from the letter to the

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their

salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

#### GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

### **POST COMMUNION**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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# Suncay 13 October 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

#### COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your

by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will,

that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **FIRST READING**

Either Amos 5:6-7. 10-15 A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Or Job 23:1-9. 16-end

### PSALM Psalm 90:12-end

R O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?

Have compassion on your servants. R

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning;

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,

and for the years in which we have seen adversity. R

Show your servants your works, and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. R

#### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 4:12-end

A reading from the letter to the

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of

#### **GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31**

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields - but with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

#### **POST COMMUNION**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:

let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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# Suncay 20 October 2024 Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and

that they may be cleansed from all their

and serve you with a quiet mind; 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**

#### Either Isaiah 53:4-end

A reading from the book of the prophet

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Or Job 38:1-7 [34-end]

#### PSALM Psalm 91:9-end

R Keep me as the apple of your eye. Because you have made the Lord your refuge

and the Most High your stronghold, There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your

For he shall give his angels charge over

to keep you in all your ways. R

They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Because they have set their love upon

therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name. R

They will call upon me and I will answer them;

I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation. R

### **SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because

of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

#### **POST COMMUNION**

Father of light,

in whom is no change or shadow of

you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:

may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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#### COLLECT

Blessed Lord.

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### **PSALM Psalm 19:7-end**

R The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. R

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. R

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great

Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! R

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. R

#### **SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim

the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

#### GOSPEL John 5:36b-end

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

Jesus said to the Jews: "I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

#### **POST COMMUNION**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for



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# **Notices**

Benefice Facebook Page - is now up and running, It is called Holsworthy Churches – Your Benefice.

If you use Facebook, please go to our page and like and follow, this will keep up to date with our postings, events and service times, as well as spreading the page over a wider audience.

If you have any church events that you wish to be advertised on the page please let us know by emailing posters/information to either Helen – hknarborough@btinternet.com or Sam – samj.hatter@gmail.com

Local Lady is looking to give away her late husband's Yamaha baby grand piano to a passionate instrument lover, so please let me know if you are interested.

1st October: Autumn Discipleship

A 6-week course for those wishing to 'brush-up' on Christianity or prepare for confirmation. Tuesdays 7pm at the Rectory, commencing October 1st. All welcome, please let Alison know if you would like to attend to ensure adequate copies of course booklets.

2nd October: Memorial Hall coffee morning in aid of St Peter & St Paul Raffle, tombola, cakes and home produce stalls. All donations warmly welcomed!

Lay Worship Leaders' Gathering

Monday 30th September 7pm at the Rectory. An opportunity to feedback on service leading over the summer and to plan ahead for the Remembrance & Christmas seasons

5th October: Lay Worship Leaders Workshop Held at Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall 9.30 – 12.30am. Open to all who engage or would like to engage in worship in your local church.

Webpage: www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk

6th October: Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG)

This popular course has been running ecumenically across the UK for a number of years to great effect. It contains just 7 two-hour sessions held over approximately 12 months and implements tried and tested ways of growing churches in joy, in discipleship and in number. Each session begins with worship and an opening video, followed by refreshments with discussion around tables. It is advised a minimum of 3 members from each church attend to enable sharing, planning and embedding the ideas from each session into practice in the local congregation. (There is a little homework between sessions!)

Each session is held in St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy, on Sunday afternoons, 3pm-5pm. The dates and themes for the year are listed below:

October 6th (2024): Session One - Creating a prayerful culture of growth

November 17th Session Two - Implementing an Annual Rhythm of Growth

January 26th (2025): Session Three - Practice fruitful evangelism March 16th Session 4 - Develop engaging worship May 18th Session 5 - Become an inviting and welcoming church June 22nd Session 6 - Making a pathway for seekers to become disciples

July 27th Session 7 - A planned journey for Growth

8th October: Bereavement, Grief and Loss Training Day Available deanery-wide and held within the Ruby Benefice, this course is run by the Rural Dean, Paul Fitzpatrick. If anyone is keen to attend please drop Val an email to book on <a href="mailto:rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com">rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com</a>. A venue is booked for 10-3pm on Tues 8th October with lunch provided.

18th October: Market Harvest 7.30pm Celebrate harvest at the Cattle Market

19th October: Bridgerule Gift Day
2.30pm-4pm Tea & biscuits in Bridgerule Village Hall

26th October: Bridgerule Church Dance 7.30-10.30pm held in Pyworthy Village Hall

2nd November: All Souls

6pm Pyworthy Church a benefice service to remember loved ones with candles and prayer. If you would like a loved ones name read out at the service, please either contact Libbi (admin), or add thier name to the sign up sheet which will be at the back of each church by Friday 23rd Oct.

Shoeboxes for the Christmas appeal from Samaritan's Purse St Peter & St Paul is again collecting Shoeboxes during October for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

If you would like to fill your own Shoebox, or contribute to those being sent, please contact Sue Bumby or Josie Axford or leave your items in the box by the font. Items welcomed include stationary, pens, crayons, new soft toys with the CE label, simple kids jewellery, combs, toothbrushes, bars of soap, new flannels... Financial contributions are also welcome to provide the £5 each box costs to send.

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