

The Holsworthy Mission Community Bulletin

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From a member of the Holsworthy Livestock Market Clergy Team

Last year the Rural Pastoral Support Worker for this area, Andy Jerrard, was appointed with a brief of getting alongside individuals as a listening ear to the farming and rural communities of this part of Devon.

To develop this, it was decided that being in Holsworthy Livestock Market would be a good idea: So four clergy people take one Wednesday each month to be alongside Andy. Kivells Auctioneers have taken really positive view of our presence in the market and we appreciate their welcome.

Being in the market is very interesting as there is an opportunity to see the way market trends are going. The seasons bring different types of livestock, such as spring lambs, cull ewes, breeding sheep, autumn busk calves, cow sales, calf, fat-stock etc. Different stock sales bring different groups of farmers into the market although there are those, such as the buyers of stock, who are there more frequently.

The canteen is a good place to meet people over coffee, or for all day breakfast and lunch, and here we listen to the stories of farming life in all its colours.

We are there to listen and to help in any way. We are not there to convert! It is a clergy presence that undergirds and reassures the market community that the Church has not abandoned its rural dwellers.

Rev. Jane Lucas Ashwater Benefice

NEWS The **Pop-In Centre** is now open on Wednesday afternoons in the Manor Suite, Memorial Hall, Holsworthy. It welcomes people of all faiths, or none, and incorporates the **Foodbank** where needy people can exchange vouchers for basic food items. Vouchers are available from the CAB, the police, health care professionals and the clergy. Donations of food (tinned/dried-long shelf life) and money for running costs will be gratefully received. Collection boxes for food donations (& list of suitable items) will be sited in most churches or appropriate places in parishes e.g shops. Please give generously. Volunteers are also welcome.

9 th December	Festive Table Decoration Workshop	Bradworthy Church	7.30pm
14 th December	Holsworthy Late Night Christmas Shopping	Square, Memorial Hall & Visitor Centre	

ASHWATER, BEAWORTHY, CLAWTON, HALWILL & TETCOTT with LUFFINCOTT

3 rd December	Halwill Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am-12 noon	Halwill Parish Hall	10 am
4 th December	Ashwater Ecumenical Christingle Service	Ashwater Church	4pm
5 th December	Carols and Coffee with the Stowford Singers	Ashwater Church	7pm
11 th December	Halwill Carol Service Carols by Candlelight Followed by a buffet supper	Halwill Church Beaworthy Church	11am 6.30pm
16 th December	Carols by Candlelight	Halwill Parish Hall	7pm
18 th December	Clawton Carol Service Ashwater Carol Service Tetcott & Luffincott Carol Service	Clawton Church Ashwater Church Arscott Hall Tetcott	10am 10am 7pm
19 th December	South Tetcott Hunt Carol Service	Tetcott Church	7pm
24 th December	Crib Service Carols & Coffee Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Ashwater Church Tetcott Church Halwill Church Ashwater Church Clawton Church.	4pm 7pm 8.30pm 10pm 11.30pm
25 th December	Holy Communion Family Worship 'Let's Together' Family Communion Christmas Morning United service	Beaworthy Church Ashwater Church Clawton Church. Halwill Baptist Church	8-30am 10am 10.30am 10.30am
1 st January	Candlelit Service	Luffincott Church	6.30pm

BLACK TORRINGTON, BRADFORD with COOKBURY, HIGHAMPTON & THORNBURY

1 st December	Music at St Mary's Hatherleigh Silver Band Festive Music, tickets £5 from Kate Inniss 01409 231234 £6.00 on the door to include light refreshments	Black Torrington	8pm
3 rd December	Christmas Fayre	Black Torrington School	2pm
4 th December	Christingle Service	Bradford	9.30 am
18 th December	Christingle Service Carol Service Carol Service	Black Torrington Woodacott Chapel Highampton	11.15 am 3pm 6.30 pm
19 th December	Carol Service	Bradford	7.15 pm
22 nd December	Carol Service Carol Service	Burdon Grange Black Torrington	2.30 pm 7pm
24 th December	Crib Service Midnight Communion	Black Torrington Highampton	4.30 pm 11.30 pm
25 th December	Christmas Day Benefice Holy Communion	Thornbury	11am

ABBOTS BICKINGTON, BRADWORTHY, BULKWORTHY, PUTFORD & SUTCOMBE

2 nd - 4 th & 9 th -11 th December	13 th Annual Christmas Tree Festival	Bradworthy	3 rd 9 th & 10 th 10am-6pm 4 th & 11 th 11am-6pm
2 nd December	Grand Opening Christmas Tree Festival & Concert Bradworthy Baroque Choir excerpts from Handel's Messiah	Bradworthy	7.30pm
11 th December	Festival of Lessons & Carols	Bradworthy	6.30pm
18 th December	Carol Service Carol Service & Nativity Play	Bulkworthy Sutcombe	3pm 7.30pm
23 rd December	Carol Service	Putford	7pm
24 th December	Christingle Midnight Mass	Bradworthy Bradworthy	4pm 11.30pm
25 th December	Family Communion Family Service Family Communion Family Communion	Abbots Bickington Bradworthy Putford Sutcombe	9am 10am 10am 11.30am

HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY & MILTON DAMEREL

11 th December	Town Carol Service	Holsworthy Church	6pm
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BRIDGERULE & PYWORTHY with PANCRASWEEK

4 th December	Christingle	Pyworthy	4pm
11 th December	Christingle	Bridgerule	4pm
17 th December	'Carols for All' with Derriton Singers	Pyworthy	7.30pm
18 th December	Lighting of Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service	Pyworthy Bridgerule	4pm 6pm
24 th December	Crib Service Midnight Mass	Pyworthy Pyworthy	11am 11.15pm
25 th December	Eucharist Eucharist	Bridgerule Pancrasweek	9.30pm 11am

For further information regarding any of the above items and the submission of future notices, please contact your local benefice correspondent below. All copy to be received by the 15th of the month please.

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