

# The Holsworthy Mission Community Bulletin

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*From our Mission Community Enabler*

I write this as I complete my second week as Deanery Mission Enabler and Leader for our mission community. Thank you for your support, and for the warmth of your welcome. I look forward to working with you all as together we seek to discern the will of God for the future, and respond creatively to the diocesan initiative "Moving on in Mission and Ministry".

Our mission community enables us to affirm and celebrate much good practice across our geographically widespread parishes and benefices. Prayer and worship are at the heart of our Christian life together. I hope sharing ideas for growth, and mutual support and working, will help us to identify further opportunities to be "an effective presence in every community", and stimulate thinking and discussion about the resources we need for the future.

As I start my new post, I want to ask the question: "What sort of Church for a 21st century world?" Archbishop Rowan suggests: "*We are going to have to live with variety; the challenge is how to work with that variety so that everyone grows together in faith and in eagerness to learn about and spread the Good News*". It's about seizing opportunities for outreach and growth with confidence. But, what should we be working for? What are the sources of our vitality? And where does our mission community fit into all of this? Some of these questions are, of course, not new. Over 200 hundred years ago, the great Baptist missionary and evangelist, William Carey, was clear where he saw the starting point to be, and the strategy to be followed. In a sermon preached in 1792, he said this: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God".

At my licensing service Bishop Michael reminded us that we are the inheritors of a faith which the church is called upon "*to proclaim afresh in each generation*". For me, this means attempting great things for God and expecting great things from God. It means working closely with ecumenical partners, and with all people of good faith who share this common aim. It's about affirming and celebrating all those areas of vitality already evident in our communities and across our parishes - and building on all that is of God here and beyond. The challenge is to "proclaim afresh", to make what is known and familiar to us, real, meaningful and accessible to others. And so, we are called to *strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness*. This is the key to what it means to pursue the real necessities and values of life.

We are an expectant church and it's important for each of us to foster that sense of expectation. It means holding and sharing the vision of what is possible together - being realistic and hopeful in our missionary endeavour - courageous and faithful. And so I look forward to being part of life here and journeying with you - of discovering together something more about God's creative force of love that is all and in all.

With my love and prayers

Chris Hardwick

## **ASHWATER, BEAWORTHY, CLAWTON, HALWILL & TETCOTT with LUFFINCOTT**

|                           |   |                        |                  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> November  | A Fine Kettle of Fish - Fun Food & Activities | Ashwater Parish Hall   | 5.30 - 7.30pm    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Big Breakfast                                 | Clawton Parish Hall    | 9 -11.30 am      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November | Act of Remembrance                            | Ashwater War Memorial  | 10.50 am         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Remembrance Service                           | Halwill War Memorial   | 10.50 am         |
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| 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Benefice Healing Service                      | Halwill Parish Church  | 7.30 pm          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | Ploughman's Lunch                             | Halwill Parish Hall    | 12 noon -1.30 pm |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November | Halwill Messy Church - Fun Food & Activities  | Halwill Baptist Hall   | 6.15pm           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  | Halwill Christmas Coffee Morning              | Halwill Parish Hall    | 10 am -12 noon   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Ashwater Ecumenical Christingle Service       | Ashwater Parish Church | 4 pm             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Carols and Coffee with the Stowford Singers   | Ashwater Parish Church | 7 pm             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Carols by Candlelight                         | Halwill Parish Hall    | 7 pm             |

## BLACK TORRINGTON, BRADFORD with COOKBURY, HIGHAMPTON & THORNBURY

|                           |   |                                       |        |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | All Saints Patronal Service   | Bradford                              | 7.15pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Brunch - 10am- 2pm in aid of St Mary's Boiler Fun<br>Tickets £5.00 from Sheila 01409 231581   | Black Torrington 10am<br>Village Hall |        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Godly Play evening 7.30pm-9.30pm<br>Find out about this story telling technique for children and adults                                 | Bradford<br>Village Hall              | 7.30pm |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Shoebox Service & Tea<br>St Mary's is a collection point for Operation Christmas Child from 1 <sup>st</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Black Torrington                      | 4pm    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | Tea Afternoon - St Mary's Church 2.30pm-4.30pm  | Black Torrington                      | 2.30pm |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Advent Carols   | Cookbury Church                       | 6.30pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christingle Service   | Bradford Church                       | 9.30am |

## ABBOTS BICKINGTON, BRADWORTHY, BULKWORTHY, PUTFORD & SUTCOMBE

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | All Souls' Day<br>Service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed   | Bradworthy | 7.30pm    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion<br>followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial  | Sutcombe   | 9.30am    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial<br>followed by Service in Bradworthy Chapel   | Bradworthy | 10.55am   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Act of Remembrance at the Lych Gate War Memorial<br>followed by the Service in Church  | Putford    | 2.30pm    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Coffee Morning in Church   | Bradworthy | 10am-noon |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | Coffee Morning in Church   | Sutcombe   | 10am-noon |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | Christmas Bazaar   | Bradworthy | 2.30pm    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Advent Carol Service   | Bradworthy | 6.30pm    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  | Grand Opening of the 14th Annual Christmas Tree Festival &<br>Concert by Bradworthy Baroque Choir-excerpts from Handel's Messiah | Bradworthy | 7.30pm    |

## HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY & MILTON DAMEREL

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|---------------------------|---|------------|------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Coffee Morning & Soup & Sweet Lunch<br>Coffee 10am Lunch 12 noon Tickets £5 from Woolacotts | Holsworthy | 10am |
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## BRIDGERULE & PYWORTHY with PANCRASWEEK

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|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November | Service of Remembrance at Village War Memorial | Pyworthy                 | 11am    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | Christmas Fayre 10.30-12noon                   | Pyworthy<br>Village Hall | 10.30am |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christingle                                    | Pyworthy Church          | 4pm     |

**NEWS** - Holsworthy is opening a Food Bank as a satellite to the Bude one. **Please can you have a food collection box in your church?** - a list of appropriate items is available. Food donated by the community through churches, supermarkets, and local groups is stored and boxed to provide crisis help to those in need. Referrals are made via Care Professionals - Priests and Ministers, Health Visitors, Police, Schools, CAB. Monetary contributions are also welcome to help with running costs. See website for further details [www.budenewlifecentre.org/bude\\_foodbank](http://www.budenewlifecentre.org/bude_foodbank)

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month please.

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