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From our Deanery Lay Chair

Dear Everybody

Our Rural Dean, Kathy Roberts, is away on holiday in South Africa and has taken the risk of of asking me to write an introductory message for the Bulletin.

I am pleased to do this and the first thing to say is that the Very Revd. Christopher Hardwick, who is the new priest in charge of the Benefice of Pyworthy, Pancrasweek and Bridgerule, has moved into the Rectory with his new wife Sarah and her three children. They are thrilled with their new home in North Devon and are looking forward to meeting everybody in the Mission community on October 6th.

Many of you will know that six of our local schools have entered into a Federation with Holsworthy Community College; West Putford, Bridgerule, Bradford, Highampton, Sutcombe and Pyworthy. This has become 'inevitable' due to falling numbers in some schools and the necessity of keeping the village schools opento sustain local communities. The children will not notice a difference in the first instance and will not be required to travel long distances to school. The exceptions could be for events such as Annual Sports days or special study/subject sessions at the Community College.

Some of the teachers however may have to travel to other schools - for example Stephanie Olliffe (Headteacher at Pyworthy) already travels to West Putford on Fridays to be their Headteacher. There is a parallel here with our Mission Community.

We cannot expect or ask a congregation in Ashwater to travel to Bradworthy for Services - the distances are prohibitive. However, there may be some special Community Festivals (like the Summer Songs of Praise at Pancrasweek in July with Bishop Bob) when parishioners might 'travel'.

Perhaps our clergy, and even the Lay chair, might exchange pulpits on designated Sundays. Certainly Benefice boundaries can and should be 'crossed' so that neighbouring churches can twin/share and enjoy 'special' events and Festivals together.

Part of Chris Hardwick's role as Community Enabler will be to explore the ways in which communication and collaboration can be developed and extended within our Mission Community.

To conclude, here is a short story which has a 'moral' for us all, so I hope you will read through to the end!

A woman at a bank asked the cashier to cash a cheque for her. Citing company policy, the cashier asked for identification.

The woman gasped. Finally she managed to say, 'But Jonathan. I'm your Mother!'

(*If you think this is funny, how come you fail yourself to recognise the Messiah?)*

Good wishes and blessings

David Robinson

ASHWATER, BEAWORTHY, CLAWTON, HALWILL & TETCOTT with LUFFINCOTT

2nd October	Tetcott with Luffincott Joint Harvest Sunday Service & Supper	Church	7.00pm
2nd October	Ashwater Harvest Festival	Church	6.30pm
3rd October	Ashwater Harvest Short Service and Supper	Parish Hall	7.00pm
10th October	Beaworthy Harvest Short Service and Supper	Patchacott Hall	7.00pm
15h October	Wine and Wisdom	Halwill Parish Hall	7.30pm
5th November	Big Breakfast	Clawton Parish Hall	9-11.30am

BLACK TORRINGTON, BRADFORD with COOKBURY, HIGHAMPTON & THORNBURY

2nd October	Black Torrington Harvest Holy Communion	Church	11.15am
7th October	Bradford Parish Harvest Festival Service with School	Bradford Church	2.00pm
8th October	Farmers Harvest Market Black Torrington	Village Hall	10am - 1pm
9th October	Bradford Harvest Holy Communion	Bradford Church	9.30am
9th October	Black Torrington Village Harvest Lunch & short service Guest speaker: Tom Farley from Farms for City Children Tickets by 30th September 01409 231581	Village Hall	12.45pm
12th October	Black Torrington C of E Primary School Harvest	Church	9.30am
21st October	Black Torrington C of E Primary School Founders Day Service	Church	2.00 pm
13th November	Shoebox Service Black Torrington Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse	Church	4.00pm

ABBOTS BICKINGTON, BRADWORTHY, BULKWORTHY, PUTFORD & SUTCOMBE

2nd October	Abbots Bickington Harvest Festival	Church	11.30am
8th October	Bradworthy Gift Day- Reverend Richard Dorrington will be sitting in Church to receive gifts from 9am to 6pm	Church	9am-6pm
9th October	Putford Harvest Festival	Church	11.30am
16th October	Bradworthy Harvest Festival-refreshments afterwards	Church	4.00pm
18th October	Bradworthy Coffee Morning & Jumble Sale 10 - 12	Church	10.00am
30th October	All Saints' Sunday Benefice Family Communion	Bulkworthy Church	10.30am
2nd November	All Souls Day Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Bradworthy Church	7.30pm

HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY & MILTON DAMEREL

2nd October	Harvest Festival	Milton Damerel	3.00pm
9th October	Harvest Festival	Holsworthy	10.00am
23rd November	Coffee Morning & Soup & Sweet Lunch Coffee 10am Lunch 12 noon Tickets £5 from Woolacotts	Holsworthy Memorial Hall	10.00am

BRIDGERULE & PYWORTHY with PANCRASWEEK

1st October	Holsworthy Festival Chorus Britten St Nicholas in aid of Children's Hospice South West.	Bodmin St Methodist Church	6.00pm
6th October	**Licensing of new Rector, Revd Dr Chris Hardwick Everyone most welcome**	**Pyworthy Church**	**7.30pm**
8th October	Young Musicians Showcase Pyworthy Art & Craft Exhibitions all weekend	Church	12 noon
15th October	Wine & Wisdom Pyworthy 01409 253096 in aid of Church funds	Village Hall	7.30pm

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