

# HOLSWORTHY MISSION COMMUNITY NEWS CHRISTMAS SERVICES SPECIAL



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## **Albrecht Durer:**

Albrecht was born in the fifteenth century, near Nuremberg one of eighteen children. Albrecht's father, a goldsmith by profession, worked long hours and took any other paying chore he could find in his neighbourhood in order merely to keep food on the table for his family. Two of the children, Albrecht and Albert were talented artists they both dreamt of pursuing their talent further, but they knew that their father would never be able to afford to send either of them to study at the Nuremberg Academy. So the two boys worked out a plan. One would work in the nearby mines and support his brother with his earnings whilst the other would attend the academy. Then when that bother had finished his studies in four years they would swap. Albrecht won the toss of the coin and attended the academy whilst Albert went down into the mines and supported his brother during his studies with his earnings.

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## **AROUND THE BENEFICES: ASHWATER:**

10th December Ashwater Church Christingle Service 4pm and Beaworthy Church Candlelit Carols 6.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

17th December Ashwater Church Candlelit Carol Service 7pm

17th December Halwill Church Carol Service 11.00am

17th December Tetcott with Luffincott Carol service in Hall. 7pm

22nd December Halwill Village Carols 7pm

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Ashwater Church 4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Holy Communion

Clawton Church 10.30am Carol Service

followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies.

Tetcott

7.00pm Carols and Coffee

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Ashwater Church

Christmas Worship 10.30am

Beaworthy Church

Family Communion 9.30am

Halwill Church

Family Communion 11.00am

## **BLACK TORRINGTON:**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

6.30 pm Advent Service at Bradford Church

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

4.00 pm Christingle Service at Thornbury Church

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

4.30 pm Carol Service at Bradford Church

6.30 pm Carol Service at Highampton Church

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

7.00 pm Carol Service at Black Torrington Church

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30 pm Carol Service at Thornbury Church

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4.30 pm Crib Service at Black Torrington Church

11.30 pm Midnight Communion at Highampton Church

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am Benefice Christmas Family Holy Communion

## **BRADWORTHY:**

Milton Damerel Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Carol Service

Sutcombe Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Carol Service

Putford Wednesday

20<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Carol Service

Abbots Bickington

21<sup>st</sup> December 7.00pm Carol Service

Sutcombe Friday

22<sup>nd</sup> December 6.00pm Christingle

Bradworthy Saturday

23<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm Carol Service

The plan was to swap in four years.

Albert went down into the mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate success. Albrecht's etchings, woodcuts, and his oils were often far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works. After four years the young artist returned to his village, Albrecht was ready to pay for his brother's time at the academy. The Durer family held a festive dinner to celebrate Albrecht's return. After the meal, Albrecht rose to drink a toast to his beloved brother thanking him for his support for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfil his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

Albert rose, and holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! No, brother ... for me it is too late." The bones in every finger had been smashed at least once, and were now suffering from arthritis, the thumbs were bent and twisted, such that it was difficult even to hold the glass toasting his brother, much less a brush. Albrecht paid homage to his brother for all he had sacrificed and painstakingly sketched his brother's hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward simply calling the drawing "Hands".

The world renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands".

## CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>Bradworthy</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sutcombe</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>Bulkworthy</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Bradworthy</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b>
<b>Bradworthy</b>	<b>11.45pm</b>	<b>Midnight Eucharist</b>

## CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>Sutcombe</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Communion</b>
<b>Abbots Bickington</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Communion</b>

## HOLSWORTHY:

### Changes to the service pattern in December:

**Fridays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, December:**

**11.00 am, said Holy Communion and Advent course, Holsworthy**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

**10.00 am** said Holy Communion, Holsworthy  
No service at Bridgerule

**4.30 pm** Christingle, Pyworthy

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

**11.15 am** Christingle, Bridgerule

**6.00 pm** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Carol service, Holsworthy

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:**

**9.30 am** Holsworthy Primary School Christingle, Sunday

**17<sup>th</sup> December:**

**7.00 pm** Joint Carol service with Methodist Chapel,  
Bridgerule

## CHRISTMAS EVE:

**10.00 am** said Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**11.00 am** Crib service, Pyworthy

**3.00 pm** Crib service, Bridgerule

**4.00 pm** Carols round the tree, Holsworthy Square

**11.15 pm** Midnight Mass, Pyworthy

**11.30 pm** Midnight Mass, Holsworthy

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**9.00 am** Holy Communion, Hollacombe

**10.00 am** Holy Communion, Bridgerule

**10.15 am** Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**11.30 am** Holy Communion, Pancrasweek

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December:**

**11.00 am** said Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December:**

**3.00 pm** Carol service, Hollacombe

**7.00 pm** said Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December:**

**11.00 am** said Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December:**

**10.00 am** BENEFICE Holy Communion, Holsworthy

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018:**

**11.00 am** Ecumenical BENEFICE Holy Communion,  
Holsworthy, followed by Bring and Share lunch.