

HOLSWORTHY MISSION COMMUNITY NEWS NEW YEAR SPECIAL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!

Have you heard about the man who moved into a care home? It wasn't long before he had made lots of friends among the other residents. There was one lady he was especially attracted to, and she was attracted to him. So, they spent a lot of time together. Finally, one evening he asked her to marry him. The next morning, he woke up remembering his proposal, but he couldn't remember her answer. So, he went to her and said, "I'm really embarrassed. I proposed to you last night, but I can't remember if you said 'Yes' or 'No.'"

"Oh, thank goodness!" she replied. "I remembered saying 'Yes' but I couldn't remember who asked me."

Sometimes I feel that way about New Year's resolutions. I tell myself, "This year I'm going to turn over a new leaf. I'm going to exercise regularly and lose weight. I'm going to do all kinds of things to improve myself physically and spiritually." But then somehow I forget. Maybe you have that problem, too. So, I have a suggestion for a New Year's resolution that we ought to be able to remember. It's broad and very general, but here it is: let's promise ourselves and God that we will make a change for the better. In 2018, as God's people, as His church, let's make this one simple resolution we're going to make a change for the better.

First of all, each of us can make a change for the better by developing a positive outlook toward life.

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AROUND THE BENEFICES: ASHWATER:

Saturday 27th January Beaworthy Coffee Morning in Church 10..30-12.30

BLACK TORRINGTON:

Saturday 13th January 10.00 am Saturday Church at Bradford Village Hall

Theme: Plough Sunday. We have songs, stories, prayers, crafts, games, a lending library and good things to eat! A short informal Holy Communion service takes place after Saturday Church at about 11.15 am in the committee room. All are welcome.

Saturday 20th January 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Quiz Night at Bradford Village Hall

Teams/Tables of up to 6 persons at £5.00 per person to make up a team on the night

(Bring your own wine, glasses provided) to include refreshments, fruit juice & water also available. For further information/table bookings contact Sandra Holland 01409 281128

sandra@hercules123.plus.com in aid of the church funds for Bradford, Cookbury and Thornbury Churches, with raffle proceeds to be donated to Christian Aid.

The Eighth Parson Jack Russell Art & Photography Exhibition

Start creating now! Exhibit or sell your paintings, sculpture & photographs of animals and flowers. Open to all ages

1st-4th June 2018, St Mary's Church, Black Torrington

Send for submission details
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BRADWORTHY:

Tuesday 9th January Bradworthy Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale in Church from 10.00am

HOLSWORTHY:

Epiphany: Saturday 6th January at 4.00 pm in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Holsworthy. Hear the story of the Wise Men, Holy Communion and refreshments - Bring your nativity Wise Men (3 Kings) to be blessed - No charge, everyone welcome - Children must be accompanied by an adult



How do you feel about your life? Is it worthwhile? Or, let's change the question. What would have to happen to make you feel really positive about your life? A lottery win; a better marriage; children to make you proud; a promotion, would that do it? Now if that's the way you're thinking then you'll probably never feel really positive about life! The world says to feel good about yourself is to climb the ladder of success; make lots of money; have influential friends; belong to the right circles. But the Bible teaches us that we are to feel good about ourselves because God loves us. We are such treasured people in God's sight that He gave His only Begotten Son for us. That makes us valuable, and we can feel good about ourselves because of it.

We should also have a positive attitude toward others. John Wesley was considered a rather snazzy dresser. One Sunday morning he wore a bow tie that had long ribbons that hung downward. After the sermon was over a lady walked up to him and said, "Brother Wesley, are you open to some criticism?" He said, "I believe so. What would you like to criticize?" She said, "The ribbons on your tie are entirely too long and inappropriate for a man of God." And she took out her scissors and cut them off. A hush fell over the people standing there as Wesley calmly asked, "Now may I borrow the scissors for a moment?" As she handed them to him, he said, "Ma'am, are you open to some criticism?" She answered, "Well, I suppose I am." He said, "All right then, please stick out your tongue." So, let's just pause for a moment and think back over some of the things that we have said this past year, this past month, maybe even this past week. Have we hurt someone by what we've said, or how we said it? What has been the result in the life of the person we talked about? Have we broken the heart of God again? And what are we going to do about it to make it right in the life of the person we have hurt? Robert Schuler wrote, "It would amaze us how many people we could influence for Christ if we would just treat people nicely." May be he is right! If we treat each other with love then wonderful things will happen for the kingdom of God. So, this new year let's make sure that we display a positive attitude toward ourselves and to others.

Christians Together in Holsworthy and District: Coffee Morning in Holsworthy Memorial Hall on **Wednesday January 24th**, 09.30 –12.00
Everyone welcome – please come and support this

New Service Rota for the Holsworthy Benefice

From **Sunday 7th January**, the normal Sunday service times for some churches will change – churches with a service each Sunday are: Holsworthy at 9.30 am, Bridgerule at 11.15 am, and Pyworthy at 11.15 am.

Hollacombe will continue to have two services each month, Evensong at 3.00 pm on the first Sunday of the month and Holy Communion at 9.30 am on the third Sunday, and Pancrasweek will have Holy Communion at 9.30 am on the fourth Sunday. There will also be a weekday Holy Communion in Holsworthy at 11.00 am each Friday, and on the fourth Sunday at 6.00 pm in Holsworthy, a Meditative Eucharist with Anointing.

Additional services in January are:

Saturday 6th January, Holsworthy, 4.00 pm, Benefice Holy Communion and Blessing of the Wise Men

Sunday 14th January, Pancrasweek, 3.00 pm, Benefice Evening Prayer with blessing of tractors and farm equipment.

Advance notice for the beginning of February:

Friday 2nd February, Bridgerule, 7.00 pm, Benefice Candlemas and Patronal Festival

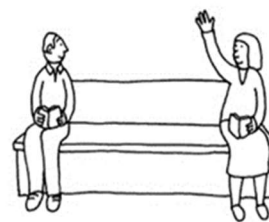
Saturday 3rd February, Holsworthy, 5.00 pm, Benefice Candlemas with Christingle

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP



EXERCISE



MEETING NEW PEOPLE



HEALTHY EATING



GETTING ORGANISED

AT THE PCC WE'LL DISCUSS THE APCM, CW VS THE BCP, THE LLM'S CRB, AND THE OLM'S BAP. OH, AND THERE ARE LETTERS FROM THE DAC, THE DDO, THE HOB AND THE ABC



LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES