

HOLSWORTHY MISSION COMMUNITY NEWS

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FROM THE BLACK TORRINTON BENEFICE:

Our Mission Community – a pattern for the future?

As we prayed at our weekly prayer breakfast a picture formed in my mind, one that I initially dismissed, but which grew in intensity. The image was of a maypole, where God was the central pillar and the Mission Community the ribbons, the colours maybe of the different benefices. As we wove in and out, up and down, mistakes were made, and we had to unwind and go out to the edges, to start again. Once we could understand the patterns and work together to make them happen, so we would draw closer and closer together – and closer and closer to God in the centre, until we formed a beautiful, multi-coloured pattern, from top to bottom of the central constant pillar.

The imagery is so simple, and so striking. I wonder what it's saying to you?

AROUND THE BENEFICES: ASHWATER:

1st September organ recitals, Cream Teas & dedication of the organ at Tetcott at 2-30pm for the afternoon.

Saturday September 8th Historic Churches 'Ride & Stride' Elisabeth Swan is organising a walk starting at 10.30am. at Halwill Church and refreshments at Beaworthy, Sponsor forms are available for anyone able to take part in Halwill and Beaworthy Churches. It is hoped that those who cannot join the walk will feel able to sponsor someone who can.

Sunday September 9th Safari Lunch Starters from 12.30pm. at Halwill Baptist Church hall. Main course from 1.00pm. at Chilsworthy Village hall. Dessert from 1.45pm. at Ashwater Village hall. £10 a head, tickets available from: Rev. J. Lucas 211205; Gillian Bray 221672. In support of Holsworthy Youth Chaplin

Saturday September 15th Halwill Wine & Wisdom evening in Halwill Parish hall at 7.30pm. £6.00 a head, including light refreshments. Raffle.

September 21st. Harvest Festival - The Dairy Ring, Holsworthy Market Commences 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Cow Shed.

September 22nd Beaworthy Coffee morning 10.30am - 12 noon

BLACK TORRINGTON:

Saturday 1st September Thornbury Church 10.30am - 12 noon Coffee Morning

Sunday 2nd September Thornbury Church 3.00pm Pudding Club. All you can eat Puddings and Desserts, Cheese and Biscuits, Tea and Coffee £5 adults, £3 children

Thursday 6th September Black Torrington Church 3.00pm - 5.00pm Tea Afternoon Raising funds towards Don Harkness's trip to a building project in Bulgaria with the organisation "The House of Rachel" whose aims are 'improving lives and improving futures for Bulgarian orphans' www.houseofrachel.org

Friday 7th September Black Torrington Chapel 10.00am - 12noon Cake and Coffee

Saturday 8th September Bradford Village Hall 10.00am Saturday Church Celebrating our 4th Birthday, we look forward to seeing you for fun, games and birthday cake. A short informal Holy Communion service takes place at about 11.15am. Further details from Morag Lobley 01409 281800

Sunday 9th September Highampton Church 6.30pm Informal Patronal Service followed by cheese and wine.

Saturday 15th September Black Torrington Church 7.30pm Music at St Mary's - 'The Gas Man Cometh to Black Torrington'. A Celebration of Flanders and Swann by Roger Cleverdon - baritone and Christine Cleverdon - piano. Free admission, donations please. Refreshments and raffle available.

Sunday 23rd September Highampton Church 6.30pm Harvest Festival cider and pasty supper after the service along with an auction of the produce

Wednesday 26th September Holsworthy Memorial Hall 9am - 12noon Coffee Morning in aid of Thornbury Church

Saturday 29th September Black Torrington Village Hall 10am-12noon Table Top Sale in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust. Fairtrade Tea and Coffee, Bacon Baps, Many stalls.

Sunday 30th September Highampton Village Hall 1.00pm Harvest Lunch In aid of Highampton Church. £10 adults, £4 children. Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Jackie Ody 01409 231459

BRADWORTHY:

Tuesday 11th September: Bradworthy Church Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale from 10am

Sunday 16th September: Sutcombe Harvest Festival - Service at 11.30am followed by Harvest Lunch - Tickets from Brenda Horn.

HOLSWORTHY:

Fridays 21st and 28th September: St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy, 10.30am Said Holy Communion, 11.00am, No cost Café for All

Sunday 23rd September: St Petroc, Hollacombe, 7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving followed by cider and pasties

Saturday 29th September: 10.30am - 12.30pm, Pyworthy Church Coffee Morning, Hackets End

Sunday 30th September: St Swithun, Pyworthy, 11.15am, Benefice Service followed by Bring and Share lunch

Advance Notices:

Sunday 7th October Friends of Holsworthy Church Launch: St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy 4.30 pm. The launch will be a celebration harvest service followed by a drinks reception.

Wednesday 10th October Holsworthy Harvest Supper: Market Hall, Holsworthy, 7.00pm for further details see posters or speak to the churchwardens.