

BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN



ASHWATER * BEAWORTHY * CLAWTON * HALWILL * TETCOTT



Dear Friends,

Autumn's shades are in the air, nature's mellow fruitfulness shows us that the world is moving into its fourth quarter. What a fruitful year it has been; crops of fruit, berries and farmland have been abundant. How thankful we shall be at our Harvest Thankgivings, giving our Creator and our God the glory for all that he gives to us. I look forward to seeing you at our various services and suppers around the Benefice. The first one being at the 'New' Holsworthy Livestock Market on Friday 5th September. There is a tour of the market at 6-30pm followed by a Harvest Thanksgiving and refreshments. The offerings will be given to the work of the Rural Worker, Andy Jerrard.

It seems that life is a whole series of beginnings and endings. For those moving into a fresh property it is a new start in a different location; there is also a sense of loss for those leaving our parishes but new opportunities for them in a different place. For all who are new to our parishes, we welcome you. To those who are in the process of packing and leaving may all the legal bits and pieces go smoothly and may you may be welcomed into your chosen parish. We have beginnings of a different sort in that we have parishioners confirming their faith in Jesus at a special service in Holsworthy Parish Church on Wednesday September 10th at 7-30pm with retired Bishop, Martin Shaw. Please pray for Rachel, Sue, Ann and Amanda. This is a renewing of the baptismal promises that were made for them at the start of their lives by their parents and god-parents, This time they take those promises for themselves.

The baptism (christening) of children is an opportunity of coming as family to join the wider family of the Christian Church, for those families coming this month we pray that you feel that you are doing just that, that you belong, believe and become part of God's great family. For those making promises on the children's behalf you bear the responsibility of making sure that they grow into the Christian faith, it is more than remembering them on birthdays and at Christmas but actively encouraging them to be part of the Christian faith. So for all baptism families this month we pray for you and with you that you will know something of the love Jesus has for you in your faith journey.

Everyday has a new beginning and an opportunity to start again with Jesus. May you know his love as he calls you by name today.

Revd, Jane

September 2014



Sunday Services in September

7th September

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Ashwater 9.30 Morning Worship
 Beaworthy 6.30pm BCP Evensong
 Clawton 10.30 Holy Communion
 Halwill 11.00 Morning Worship
 Tetcott 5.30 Tea and informal worship

OT Ezekiel 33: 7-11
NT Romans 13: 8-14
Gospel Matthew 18: 15-20

14th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ashwater 9.30 Holy Communion + Baptisms
 Beaworthy 11.00 Morning Prayer
 Clawton 10.30 Morning Worship
 Halwill 11.00 Holy Communion

OT Numbers 21: 4-9
NT Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel John 3: 13-17

21st September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ashwater 9.30 Family Praise
 Beaworthy 6.30pm Holy Communion
 Clawton 10.30 Holy Communion
 Halwill 11.00 Morning Worship

OT Proverbs 3: 3-18
NT 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6
Gospel Matthew 9: 9-13

28th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ashwater 9.30 Holy Communion
 Beaworthy 11.00 Madworthy Harvest Festival
 Monday 29th: Harvest Service and
 Supper, 7.30pm
 Clawton 10.30 Harvest Festival. LGT
 Followed by lunch in parish hall
 Halwill 11.00 Holy Communion

OT Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32
NT Philippians 2, 1-13
Gospel Matthew 21: 23-32

Harvest Prayers

Creator God, we thank you for your promise that while the earth endures seed-time and harvest, summer and winter, day and night, shall not fail. We thank you for the reliability of this good earth, for the variety of the seasons and for all the unity and contrasts of creation. We thank you for this world's agenda for the labours of men and for permitting us to be partners to the earth's activity. We thank you that we can nourish the miracle of life upon the miracle of harvest and we praise you for the dignity of sharing in the work of your almighty hands, O God our Father, blessed for ever,

Dick Williams.

We dare not ask you bless our harvest feast
 Till it is spread for poorest and for least.
 We dare not bring our harvest gifts to you
 Unless our hungry brothers share them too.

Not only at this time, Lord; every day
 Those whom you love are dying while we pray.
 Teach us to do with less, and so to share
 From our abundance more than we can spare

Now with this harvest plenty round us piles,
 Show us the Christ in every starving child;
 Speak, as you spoke of old in Galilee,
 'You feed, or you refuse, not them but me!'
Lillian Cox



Tetcott Parish Church



Come and Support
YOUR church

Enjoy a Cream Tea, and contribute
to the church's needs

Sunday, 14 September

From 3.00pm

Harvest Service at 6.30pm