

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

The First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. **2** He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. **3** Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." **6** And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! **7** A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." **9** For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. **10** His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" **11** And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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Important Notice - Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised this year, which means that each one of us will need to complete a form this month. The forms can be found at the back of the churches or from email via the Communications Team, so please complete one and return it to your Electoral Roll Officer or Church Warden.



Christian Love in Action

10th February 2019

CONNECT SUNDAY

A Warm Welcome to Ruth Jones

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington

3.30 pm **Informal Service**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Isaiah 6: 1-8

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me.""

Isaiah 6: 8

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Jane Lucas and the Ashwater Benefice; Revd Elizabeth Burke and Pancrasweek Church

Black Torrington Electoral Roll: Peter Roberts, Joan Trengove, Russell and Wendy Taylor-Luxton, Sue White

Those who are ill: David Arney, Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham, Joan Thomas, and those who love and care for them

Black Torrington Primary School, Primary Head, Lisa Paton and all children and staff

Burdon Grange: for all who live and work there, and their families and friends

The people of the Yemen, suffering from lack of food and medicines as the conflict continues

Rest in Peace: Kate Inniss

February Diary

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| Mon 11th | 8.00 am | Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington |
| Tues 12th | 8.00 am | Prayer Breakfast, Meadow Bank, Black Torrington |
| Wed 13th | 8.00 am | Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington |
| Thur 14th | 8.15 am | Morning and Silent Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington |
| Fri 15th | 6.30 pm | 'Fish on Friday', Village Hall, Bradford |
| Sun 17th | 10.30 am | Holy Communion, St Peter's ad Vincula, Ashwater |
| | 6.30 pm | Celtic Service, St Mary's, Black Torrington |

Fish on Friday

Friday 15th February - the Village Hall, Bradford - 6.30 pm
£5.00 per head

Come along for a fish and chip supper, a short prayer, pleasant company and conversation. Everyone welcome!
Please contact Sandra Holland if you are coming (01409 281128)

Introduction to the Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8. These few verses describe the call of Isaiah to his ministry of speaking for God to Israel during a critical period of its history. Isaiah had a vision of God attended by heavenly creatures. One of the heavenly beings touched his lips with a live coal symbolizing his freedom from sin and worthiness to proclaim God's message to Israel.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Paul introduces his remarkable interpretation of the resurrection with a brief survey of some of Jesus' resurrection appearances, including the one he himself experienced. This event, he claims, is the heart of the gospel he and all the apostles proclaimed and everyone must believe to experience the presence of the living Christ.

John Shearman

Luke 5:1-11. Luke's story shares common elements with John's post-resurrection story of Jesus meeting his disciples at the Sea of Galilee. As in John 21:1-10, we see a futile night of fishing, Jesus offering some unsolicited fishing advice, an overwhelming catch of fish, and a recognition of Jesus' identity that focuses especially on the response of Simon Peter.

The Working Preacher

"The Hiding Place"

February 28th at Holsworthy College - 7.30 pm

The Oddments Theatre Company present the inspirational, true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family, who risked everything to save Jews from the concentration camps during the second world war.



Hurry to book your tickets
from Sue Banks: 07779 560083
Seats are limited!



A Prayer for our Benefice and Mission Community

Holy God
whose presence is known in the structures we build,
and also in their collapse;
establish in us a community of hope,
not to contain your mystery,
but to be led beyond security into your sacred space,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.