

Gospel

Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus and the Prince of Demons

²⁰ One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

²² But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

²³ Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. ²⁴ "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. ²⁵ Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. ²⁷ Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

²⁸ "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, ²⁹ but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences." ³⁰ He told them this because they were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

The True Family of Jesus

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. ³² There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you."

³³ Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. ³⁵ Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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Mission Community Prayer

Loving God, receive our love, refresh our vision, renew our lives; so that together our Mission Community may witness to the truth of your gospel, build up our fellowship and deepen our commitment to grow in prayer. May our lives of discipleship draw others to follow Jesus Christ. Lead us into creative ways to serve the people of Devon with joy, to the glory of your name. Amen.



Christian Love in Action

10th June 2018

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Worship

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

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



Readings

Genesis 3: 8-15

2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

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Mark 3: 35

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Mission Community: Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Black Torrington Benefice, Revd Jane Lucas and Clawton Church

Thornbury Electoral Roll: Mike Chandler, Sue and David Whitehead, Sara Lawes, Liz Priest, Pam Wood

Our Benefice Schools: For all staff, governors and pupils



Those who are ill: Joan Bennett; Avis Radford; Joan Thomas; Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham

Revd Jane Lucas and family, remembering John Lucas who died

June Diary

Mon 11th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
Tues 12th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 13th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
	7.30 pm	Black Torrington PCC meeting, The Rectory
Thurs 14th	8.15 am	Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer ; All Saints, Bradford.
	9.00 am	Holy Communion , All Saints, Bradford
	7.00 pm	Ladies Supper, Half Moon, Sheepwash
Fri 15th	3.00 pm	David Forester-Barker Memorial Service , St Peter’s, Thornbury.
Sat 16th	12.00noon	Wedding Blessing , Holy Cross, Highampton
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Compline , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
Sun 17th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , All Saints, Bradford
	6.30 pm	Café Church , St Mary’s, Black Torrington



A Memorial Service for David Forester-Barker will be held at 3.00 pm on Friday 15th June, St Peter’s Church, Thornbury.

All are welcome to attend and Thornbury Park are providing refreshments after the service

To Think About

He is calling you and me to be like him,
wherever and whoever we are,
whatever we think of ourselves.
To live as he lived, to love as he loved,
to speak as he spoke,
to offer our lives as he offered his,
to do what he did,
to do even greater things
because of his going to the Father.

By ourselves this is impossible.
How can we live and love as he did,
except through the mysterious gift and power
which he gives us through his Spirit,
so that we become his face, his hands, his heart and his body?

Not just you and I alone, as individuals,
but together in the body of the community.
And again not as a group,
separate and isolated,
thinking it is the best
and sufficient unto itself,
but linked to others,
to other communities,
all cells of the one body, the Church,
united with men and women all over the world.

Extract from Jean Vanier, The Broken Body



**St Peter’s Church, Thornbury
Sunday 17th June , 2.30 pm—4.00 pm**

Annual Cider and Pasty Walk, At Gidcott Farm,
courtesy of Jean and Phillip Read

£7 for adults and **£3** for children. Please book with Sara Lawes 01409 261760

St Peter’s Church, Thornbury—BAG COLLECTION

The next bag collection from the Church is on Wednesday 25th June.
Wanted clothing, pair shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.
Please leave your bags at the back of the church. A great fundraiser for the church

Ladies Supper—Thursday 14th June, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm . Half Moon , Sheepwash.
Please let Val Letheren 231430 know by Sunday 10th June if you would like to join us.