

Gospel

John 10:22-30

Jesus Claims to be the Son of God

²² It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. ²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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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.

Amen

Janet Morley



Christian Love in Action

12th May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship

and a warm welcome to the Ven. Dr. Mark Butchers

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington
6.30 pm **Evening Worship**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Acts 9: 36-43

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

Collect

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish."

John 10:27-28

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Richard Freeman and the Bradworthy Benefice; Revd Jane Lucas and Clawton Church

Bradford with Cookbury Electoral Roll: Sandra Holland, Hayley Johns, Pauline Jones, Sylvia Lewis, Tracey Lucas, Maura Marwick

Those who are ill: Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham and Joan Thomas and all who love and care for them.

Black Torrington Primary School: primary head, Lisa Paton and all pupils and staff.

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

A Priest in Charge and a Families and Children’s Worker for the Ashwater and Black Torrington Benefices.

May Diary

Tues 14th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , Meadow Bank, Black Torrington
Wed 15th	7.30 pm	Archdeacon’s Visitation , Ashwater Church (Refreshments from 6.30 pm)
Thurs 16th	2.00 pm	Church/Chapel Meeting , Hope Chapel, Black Torrington
Sat 18th	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Coffee Morning , St Peter’s Church, Thornbury Plant and Bake Sale , Village Hall, Bradford
Sun 19th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion by Extension, All Saints’, Bradford Informal Service , St Mary’s, Black Torrington

To Think About

"Pray, even if you feel nothing, see nothing.
For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God, even though you may find little joy in it.
This is true of all believing prayer."
--Julian of Norwich



St Mary’s Church, Flower Festival
From Friday 31st May to Monday 3rd June



Theme: Songs from the Shows

St Mary’s Church, Black Torrington

Ploughman’s Lunches, Cream Teas etc.

If you would like to sponsor a pew end in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, for £5.00, or to sponsor a flower arrangement, please contact Liz Plenty 01409 231187, Val Letheren 01409 231430 or Sheila Grabham 01409 231581



Annual Village Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday 18th May - 2.00 pm

Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall



Come along and buy

Plants, Cakes and Home Baking, Produce etc.

Refreshments - Cream Teas - Raffle and more



Donations of Plants, Produce, Home Baking, Books, CDs, Bric-a-brac gratefully received - ring 01409 281582 for collection

Prayer Lunch

Thursday 23rd May—12.00 pm

At the home of Sandra Holland

Everyone welcome!



New Priest in Charge for Ashwater and Black Torrington

As no applications for the vacancy of Priest in Charge were received by the closing date of 11th April, the Archdeacon has confirmed that we will continue with another round of advertising the vacancy in the Church Times for no extra cost. The post will be advertised in May and June, with potential visits and interviews in early July and, if successful, a licensing service in October/November.

Please do continue to pray for a successful outcome to our search to find a new priest.

Please see Connected for more details. - *Mark Neave*