

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Jesus Speaks about the Future

13 ¹As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls."

² Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

³ Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, ⁴ "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?"

⁵ Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, ⁶ for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. ⁷ And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. ⁸ Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. **NLT**

In our Mission community we need to pray for the right people to emerge to lead us - for a Families and Children's Worker to encourage our outreach to families and children, and for the funding that will be necessary for that post; also for the clergy to succeed Kathy and Jane, and Richard, in due course.

CANDLES IN THE DARK

This year we will be running an Advent Course in conjunction with our Methodist friends, called 'Candles in the Dark'. This is a reflective course, to be held over four weekly sessions, beginning at 7.00 pm on Monday 26th November and for the following three Mondays, at the Methodist Chapel in Black Torrington. The sessions will last for about an hour and there will be refreshments provided. Each session is self-contained, so don't feel that you need to commit to attending all four sessions; just come when you can - you will be most welcome.



NB *Cakes and other home baking needed for the Table Top Sale on Saturday! Please let Mark know if you can help.*



Christian Love in Action

18th November 2018

2nd Sunday before Advent

Proper 28

Welcome to Worship

A warm welcome to Revd. Stuart Wilson

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



Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"We must hold tightly to the hope that we say is ours."

Hebrews 10: 22—CEV

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice, thinking especially of Cookbury Church

Bradford Electoral Roll: Hayley Johns, Pauline Jones, Sylvia Lewis, Morag Lobley, Tracey Lucas, Maura Marwick

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

Bradford Primary School: primary lead, Lisa Paton and all pupils and staff

Burdon Grange: for all who live and work there

All victims of natural disasters throughout the world

November Diary

Mon 19th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 20th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , Meadow Bank, Black Torrington
Wed 21st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thur 22nd	8.15 am	Morning & Silent Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	2.30 pm	Service , Burdon Grange, Highampton
Sat 24th	10.00 am	Benefice Table Top Sale , Village Hall, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Compline , All Saints', Bradford
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Peter's, Thornbury
	3.30 pm*	Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton

** Please note earlier time*

Ladies Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 5th December, Half Moon, Sheepwash, 12.00 for 12.30 pm
Please book with Val Letheren by **Monday 19th November**, with a £10 deposit and your choices from the menu (in November Connected)
All are welcome to join us; bring your friends along!
Further details from Val - 01409 231430

Introduction to the Readings

Daniel 12:1-3 This passage prophesies a future time when by God's action through the archangel Michael justice will come to the nations. The righteous, both living and dead, will be rewarded with everlasting life and the unrighteous put to shame and everlasting contempt. It was a prophesy for a time of great tribulation in the 2nd century BC when Israel was greatly oppressed by a powerful Greek emperor, Antiochus Epiphanes.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 The author of this theological essay clinches his argument regarding the supremacy of Christ by appealing to his audience to hold on to their faith. He urges them to encourage one another to love and do good deeds as they wait for Christ's return because Christ has made the perfect sacrifice for their salvation and has been exalted to the right hand of God.

Mark 13:1-8 This chapter may consist of the teaching of the early church in which is imbedded actual words of Jesus about his return. Mark may actually be referring to the temple's destruction which had occurred about the time he wrote. While the return of Christ is a part of our tradition, scholars debate how much of the detail was drawn from the Jewish expectation of the Messiah to bring his reign to Israel, defeat all its enemies and oppressors, and end human history.

John Shearman

To Think About The Art of Living

"Little by little we are able to hear the still small voice in the hurricane, the earthquake, or the fire. God is hidden in difficulties. If we can find him there, we will never lose him. Without difficulties, we do not know the power of God's mercy and the incredible destiny he has for us. We must be patient with our failures. There is always another opportunity unless we go ashore and stay there. A no-risk situation is the biggest danger there is. To encounter the winds and waves is not a sign of defeat. It is training in the art of living, which is the art of yielding to God's action and believing in his love no matter what happens."

Thomas Keating—Awakenings

Level C0 and C1 Safeguarding Training

Wednesday 21st November - Village Hall, Bradford - 10.00am to 2.00pm
This is specifically for **any PCC members** who have not yet undertaken the training, although anyone else is welcome to participate. Please contact Gina to find out more.