

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8

Jesus Teaches about Inner Purity

¹One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ²They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. ³(The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. ⁴Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to - such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

⁶Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

'These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ Their worship is a farce,
for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'

⁸ For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition."

Mark 7:14-15

¹⁴Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. ¹⁵It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart."

Mark 7:21-23

²¹For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you." *NLT*

60 Days of Prayer for Children and Young People

Compassionate God,

we pray for all children and young people,
as they start this new term.

In your mercy and love, draw them close to you,
and assure them of your constant presence and grace;
through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen



Christian Love in Action

2nd September 2018

14th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 17

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, All Saints', Bradford

6.30 pm **Iona Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says....then God will bless you for doing it. "

James 1:22a, 25b

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

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

Those who are ill: Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham, Joan Thomas

Our Benefice Schools; all staff and pupils as they begin the new school year

Mark Grabham and Lucy Raison, and Rory who will be baptised on Saturday at St Mary's, Black Torrington

September Diary

Mon 3rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	2.00 pm	Rota Meeting , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Tues 4th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
	10.00 am	Thornbury PCC Meeting , Sara Lawes' home
Wed 5th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.30 pm	Black Torrington PCC Meeting , The Rectory
Thur 6th	8.15 am	Morning and Silent Prayer , followed by
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton
	3.00 pm	Tea and Cake , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Sat 8th	10.00 am	Benefice Saturday Church 4th Birthday Party,
	11.15 am	Iona Holy Communion , Village Hall, Bradford
	2.00 pm	Baptism , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Compline , St Peter's, Thornbury
Sun 9th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	Patronal Service , Holy Cross, Highampton followed by cheese and wine

The Church Mouse

"I Just gave my name in Starbucks as 'The peace of the Lord be always with you'. When the barista shouted my 'name' the whole place shouted 'and also with you'. Try it!"

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Introduction to the Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 All Israel's former history was measured against the doctrinaire standard set forth here. As the whole Old Testament narrative reveals, this standard was an ideal which no former or subsequent generation could meet.

James 1:17-27. The Letter of James was one of the very last to be included in the Christian scriptures. It may have been a formal letter encouraging its recipients to live in a strictly ethical and deliberately spiritual way at a time of threatened persecution.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. In this biting rebuke of the Pharisees for their excessive attention to purification rituals, Jesus defined what true piety is: commitment from the heart totally dedicated to loving service of God and for others.

John Shearman

Connect LSG

(The Local Support Group for Holsworthy Youth Chaplain, Ruth Jones)

Wednesday 5th September at Bradworthy Methodist Church
Tea / coffee and chat at 7.00 pm - Start at 7.15 pm

This meeting will focussing on prayer for Ruth, the young people of this area and the various things that Ruth is involved with.

LSG meetings are open to all who have a heart for the young people of this area growing up in an ever more challenging world.

As Paul reminded the early church: *"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."* (Ephesians 6:18)

Please come and join us.



Everyone from 0 - 90+ is invited to the

Saturday Church 4th Birthday Party!



Saturday 8th September - 10.00 am at The Village Hall, Bradford

Fun, games, stories, songs, prayers, crafts, books and
birthday cake!

A short, informal service of Holy Communion is held at about 11.15 am to which everyone is welcome