

**Gospel**  
**Teaching about Giving to the Needy**

**Matthew 6: 104: 24**

“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. <sup>4</sup> Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

*NLT*

**Thought for the week**


“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”  
*—Eleanor Roosevelt*

**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.

**Food Bank Urgently Needs. . . .**

<i>Tea</i>	<i>Pasta Sauce</i>	<i>Toiletries</i>
<i>Dried Milk</i>	<i>Instant Coffee</i>	<i>Toilet Rolls</i>
<i>Fruit Juice (not refrigerated)</i>	<i>Tinned Fruit</i>	<i>Tinned Vegetables</i>
<i>Soup</i>	<i>Tinned Tomatoes</i>	<i>Instant Mashed Potato</i>
<i>Toilet Rolls</i>	<i>Toiletries</i>	


  
*Christian Love in Action*  
**23rd September 2018**  
**17th Sunday after Trinity**  
*Proper 20*

**Welcome to Worship**

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Peter’s, Thornbury  
6.30 pm **Harvest Service**, Holy Cross, Highampton



**Readings**

Psalm 37: 1-4, 23-28  
1 Corinthians 16: 1-4, 13-14  
Matthew 6: 1-4; 24

**Collect**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.  
And do everything with love.  
*1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 NLT*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**The Mission Community:** Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice, Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Thornbury Church  
**Highampton Electoral Roll:** Jackie and Dudley Ody, Michelle Ody, Mary Richards, Wendy Rose, Joan Thomas

**Those who are ill:** Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham, Joan Thomas, Lynne Burgon (spinal operation)

**Bradford Primary School:** all staff and children

**Venerable Jackie Searle** who is to be consecrated at Southwark Cathedral on Thursday as Bishop of Crediton

**All** who have been affected in any way in the recent storms

**September Diary**

Mon 24th	8.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 25th	8.00 am	<b>Prayer Breakfast</b> , The Rectory, Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Community Meeting</b> , Ashwater Village Hall
Wed 26th	8.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	9.00 am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> , Holsworthy Memorial Hall in aid of St Peter's, Thornbury
Thurs 27th	8.15 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> followed by
	8.30 am	<b>Silent Prayer</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	12.30 pm	<b>Time Out Lunch</b> , Black Torrington Village Hall
	2.30 pm	<b>Harvest Service</b> , Burdon Grange
Sat 29th	10.00 am	<b>Benefice Table Top Sale</b> , Black Torrington Village Hall <i>in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust</i>
	6.30 pm	<b>Iona Holy Communion</b> , followed by
	7.00 pm	<b>Compline</b> , St John's, Cookbury
Sun 30th	10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Peter's, Thornbury <i>The offering will be taken for USPG</i>
	1.00 pm	<b>Harvest Lunch</b> , Highampton Village Hall

**Congratulations to Revd Gerry Matthews  
on celebrating 60 years of ordained ministry**

He was priested on 21 September 1958, age 27, at Temple Bursall in the Diocese of Birmingham. He served his title at Christchurch, Quinton, later moving to St. Margaret's, Olton. He came to rural ministry in the Diocese of Exeter in 1963, firstly at Brentor and then as Team Rector of the Lydford Group, and latterly as Priest-in-charge of the benefice of Black Torrington. The first service he took at St. Peter's, Thornbury was in May 1978.

**Developing Lay Ministry in Holsworthy Mission Community**

Over the past nine months, a number of people from our four benefices have been meeting to think about the future shape of ministry across our mission community. One area of focus has been lay ministry – how do we take the best of what's already going on and develop it for our future as a mission community? If you would like to hear some of our thinking and contribute to the discussion, please join us on **Tuesday 25th September, 6.30pm for 7pm at Ashwater Parish Hall, EX21 5EZ**

**60 Days of Prayer for Children and Young People**

*Lord of light, help us to share your message with the children and young people we encounter in our communities.  
Where we lack confidence or are uncertain,  
Give us the strength and hope we need  
to shine the light of Christ into their lives. Amen.*

**Black Torrington Table Top Sale**

Saturday 29th September

10am—12 noon at Black Torrington Village Hall

**In aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust**

Many stalls including a BENEFICE cake stall

If you can make a cake it would be greatly appreciated

If you are available to help in any way during the morning, please contact Mark Neave 01409 231556 mark.neave@live.co.uk