

Gospel

Luke 11:5-13

Jesus teaches about Prayer

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹ “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

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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.



Christian Love in Action

26th May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship

11.00 am **Farewell Service** for Revd Jane Lucas, Ashwater Green
4.00 pm **Rogation Service**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Ezekiel 34: 25-31

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 11: 5-13

Collect

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking,
and the door will be opened to you.” *Luke 11:9*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd. Jane Lucas as she retires from her posts as Rural Dean and Rector; Ashwater Benefice as they begin a vacancy period.

Bradford with Cookbury Electoral Roll: Celia and Karl Taylor, Margaret and Martin Taylor, Janet and Mike Welch, Marion Westaway, Barbara Worth.

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

The Benefice Primary Schools during their half term holiday.

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

A Priest in Charge for the Ashwater and Black Torrington Benefices.

A Families and Children’s Worker for the Mission Community.

Rest in Peace: Walter Chapman (Senior).

May/June Diary

Fri 31st	11.00 am	Flower Festival , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
Sat 1st	11.00 am	Flower Festival , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
Sun 2nd	10.30 am	Holy Communion , All Saints, Bradford
	11.00 am	Flower Festival , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	Songs of Praise , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
Mon 3rd	11.00 am	Flower Festival , St Mary’s, Black Torrington

To Think About

Go and find Jesus when your patience and strength give out and you feel alone and helpless. He is waiting for you.
Say to him “Jesus, You know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and You know all. Come to my help.”
And then go, and don’t worry how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough.

He has a good memory.

Jeanne Jugan



**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

Rogation Service

This year’s Rogation Service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Highampton, this Sunday, 26th May, at 4.00 pm.

(Outside, weather permitting)

There will be a bring and share tea

Please bring a chair - Everyone welcome!



Flower Festival Songs of Praise

Sunday 2nd June at 6.30 pm, St Mary’s Church, Black Torrington
Followed by Cheese and Wine at the Larches to say goodbye to Mark and Rose



Patronal Planter Competition—Advance Notice

Sunday 23rd June - 10.30 am - St John’s, Cookbury,

Nine plants should be used to represent St John, the Mother and the seven Macabee children
(See Sandra Holland for more information)

Bring your creations along to the service and line the path to the church with them.

Minimum donation for each entry - £1.00 - Prizes Given
Prizes!