

## Gospel

**Luke 4:14-21**

### Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region.

<sup>15</sup> He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,

that the blind will see,

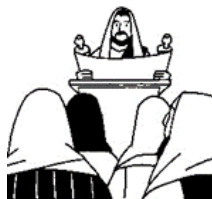
that the oppressed will be set free,

<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the LORD's favour has come."

<sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to speak to them.

"The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

*NLT*



### 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



*Christian Love in Action*

**27th January 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

***Welcome to Worship***

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Peter's, Thornbury

3.30 pm **Holy Communion**, Holy Cross, Highampton



### Readings

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

### Collect

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

*1 Corinthians 12: 27*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**The Mission Community:** Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice; Revd Jane Lucas and Beaworthy Church

**Black Torrington Electoral Roll:** Val Letheren, Ernie and Hilary Luxton, Iris Marsden, Revd Gerry and Katharine Matthews, Ronda Mogridge

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

**Black Torrington Primary School,** Primary Head Lisa Paton and all children and staff

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

**Our politicians,** for guidance as they make major decisions about the future of our country

**Rest in Peace:** Kate Inniss

**January and February Diary**

Mon 28th	8.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer,</b> St Mary's, Black Torrington
	10.00 am	<b>PCC Meeting,</b> at the home of Jackie Odey
	2.30 pm	<b>PCC Meeting,</b> The Rectory, Black Torrington
	7. 15 pm	<b>Worship Training,</b> The Rectory, Black Torrington
Tues 29th	8.00 am	<b>Prayer Breakfast,</b> The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 30th	8.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer,</b> St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thur 31st	8.15 am	<b>Morning and Silent Prayer,</b> followed by
	9.00 am	<b>Iona Holy Communion,</b> St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.15 pm	<b>Deanery Synod Meeting,</b> Market Hall Holsworthy
Sun 3rd	10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion,</b> All Saints', Bradford
	6.30 pm	<b>Holy Communion,</b> St Mary's, Black Torrington

**Introduction to the Readings**

**Nehemiah 8:1-10.** The passage tells how Ezra the scribe read the law to the assembled populace after the walls of Jerusalem had been rebuilt. This reconstruction had taken place under the leadership of Nehemiah, the Jewish cupbearer of King Artaxerxes I of Persia, who had been appointed governor of Jerusalem and Judea in the mid-5<sup>th</sup> century BC. The point of the story is that great and good work is to be followed by sincere, committed worship.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a.** Paul's image of the disciple community as the body of the risen Christ has stood the test of time. His purpose is to illustrate how the various gifts he had found among the Corinthian disciples could work together harmoniously when each person fulfilled his or her function for the good of the whole community. He moved from this powerful metaphor to show how this could be done through the best gift of all - love. This still speaks with power to our generation.

**Luke 4:14-21.** It was the custom in the Jewish synagogues of the 1st century to ask a visiting rabbi to teach from the scriptures. After making an initial tour of Galilee, Jesus went to worship on the sabbath. He was asked to read and interpret a passage of scripture. He chose or was assigned a passage from Isaiah 61 which was to become the model for his ministry. One has to wonder what Jesus would say to us if he were to be asked to preach in our community.

*John Shearman*

**To Think About**

*"Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car."*

G K Chesterton



**Benefice Coffee Morning - Help Needed!**

The Benefice Coffee Morning is being held at the Holsworthy Memorial Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 9am – 12noon. Help will be needed during the morning and cakes and tombola prizes would be very much appreciated—or just come along and join in.