

## Gospel

### John 3:1-17

### Nicodemus Comes to Jesus

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup> After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, <sup>[a]</sup> you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

<sup>4</sup> "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup> So don't be surprised when I say, 'You <sup>[d]</sup> must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. <sup>12</sup> But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man <sup>[e]</sup> has come down from heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. <sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave <sup>[g]</sup> his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

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### 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 May 2018**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Welcome to Worship**

9.30 am **Holy Communion**, All Saints, Bradford

11.00 am **Holy Communion**, Holy Cross, Highampton

6.30 pm **Taize Service**, St Mary's, Black Torrington



### Readings

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

### Collect

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

**John 3: 12**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**The Mission Community:** Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Black Torrington Benefice, Revd Elizabeth Burke and Pancrasweek Church

**Highampton Electoral Roll:** Margaret Baker, Gill Bowden, Margaret Bowden, Mary Dayman, Jan and Robert Luckhurst

**Our Benefice Schools;** that all staff and pupils have a happy and relaxed Half Term.

**Those who are ill:** Joan Bennett; Avis Radford; Joan Thomas; Iona Barrance



**A Prayer for Trinity.**

God for us, we call you Father.  
God alongside us, we call you Jesus.  
God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.

**May/June Diary**

Mon 28th		Bank Holiday—No Morning Prayer
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
Thurs 31st	8.15 am	<b>Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer;</b>
	9.00 am	<b>Iona Holy Communion</b> , St John’s, Cookbury
	7.00 pm	Parson Jack Russell Animal and Art Exhibition
		Preview Evening. St Mary’s, Black Torrington All from the Benefice welcome
Fri 1st	11.00 am	Parson Jack Russell Animal and Art Exhibition
Sat 2nd	10.30 am	Thornbury Church Coffee Morning
	11.00 am	Parson Jack Russell Animal and Art Exhibition
	2.30 pm	Bradford Plant and Bake Sale
	7.00 pm	<b>Compline</b> , Holy Cross, Highampton
Sun 3rd	10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Peter’s, Thornbury



The annual charity

**Plant & Bake Sale** is on **Saturday, 2nd June 2.30-4.30pm** at Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall.



Donations of any cakes & other home produce, bric a brac, plants or gardening related items would be greatly appreciated, either for the sale or the raffle.

Profits will be shared with the Holsworthy Food Bank, Alzheimer Society and Bradford School.

Items can be delivered to the Hall from 10.00am on the day, or please telephone 01409 281512, to arrange for collection.



**St Mary’s Church, Black Torrington**

The Eighth

**Parson Jack Russell Animal and Flower Art and Photography Exhibition** is to take place in the church over the weekend of **1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

The exhibition will be open daily from 11am – 7pm closing on the Monday at 4pm.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend, including Ploughman’s Lunch and Cream Teas.

Any donations of cakes, jams, chutneys etc would be appreciated throughout the weekend to sell on the cake stall  
If anyone has an hour to spare and would like to help, please contact Val Letheren 01409 231430

**Pentecost Collection**

The collection at the Pentecost Service for Connect and Youth Worker, Ruth Jones amounted to £184.80.

Thank you to everyone who donated



**Trinity Sunday**, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, is one of the few feasts in the Christian calendar that celebrate a doctrine rather than an event.

