

Gospel

John 5: 36b-47

Testimonies About Jesus

Jesus said: ³⁶“But I have a greater witness than John - my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face, ³⁸and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you.

³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

⁴¹“Your approval means nothing to me, ⁴²because I know you don’t have God’s love within you. ⁴³For I have come to you in my Father’s name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. ⁴⁴No wonder you can’t believe! For you gladly honour each other, but you don’t care about the honour that comes from the one who alone is God.

⁴⁵“Yet it isn’t I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. ⁴⁶If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But since you don’t believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

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60 Days of Prayer for Children and Young People

Lord God, we thank you for your Word,
and for the light of your love in our lives today.
As we share your truth with the young people we know,
grant us the wisdom to be relevant to their situations,
and the grace to know when to remain silent and listen.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christian Love in Action

28th October 2018

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

Proper 25

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter’s, Thornbury

6.30 pm Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

John 5: 36b-47

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God says: “Come to me with your ears wide open.
Listen, and you will find life.”

Isaiah 55:3

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Jane Lucas and the Ashwater Benefice, Revd Elizabeth Burke and Pancrasweek Church

Black Torrington Electoral Roll: Janet Portman, Peter Roberts, Wendy and Russell-Taylor Luxton, Joyce Trengove, Sue White

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

Our Benefice Primary Schools at they return to school after the half term break

The People of the Yemen as the United Nations warns that 13 million are facing starvation due to the continuing civil war

Rest in Peace: Gordon Thomason

Service of Remembering

There is a sheet at the back of each church for any additional names to be remembered and read out at the Service of Remembering on Sunday 4th November.



October/November Diary

Mon 29th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 30th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 31st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Communications Team Meeting , Wisteria, Black Torrington
Thur 1st	8.15 am	Morning & Silent Prayer , followed by
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Fri 2nd	7.00 pm	Patronal Service , All Saints', Bradford, followed by cheese and wine
Sat 3rd	6.30 pm	Iona Holy Communion , followed by
	7.00 pm	Compline, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Sun 4th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , All Saints', Bradford
	6.30 pm	Service of Remembering , St Mary's, Black Torrington, followed by refreshments

Introduction to the Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11 These verses from Isaiah 55 conclude with an image of the new creation, with the natural world serving as a metaphor for the life-giving movement and effectiveness of the word of the Lord.

Samuel Giere

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. In this passage an elder churchman urges a second or third generation Christian evangelist to maintain his enthusiasm and commitment when many opponents are preaching false doctrines. He also warns that the challenge will be difficult and costly as many turn away from the true faith.

John Shearman

John 5: 36b-47 Jesus points to several witnesses who should confirm his identity to his Jewish opponents. He is aware that his opponents do not receive these witnesses, so he tells them that they are not attending to the evidence, and they are seeking human praise rather than God's praise. This section reveals the nature of belief and unbelief, providing insight into the witness that God gives to himself.

Macarthur Study Bible

To Think About

God's gift to us is our being: our gift to God is our becoming.
- Mark Oakley

Prayers for a Families and Children's Worker

As we give thanks for our growing in discipleship and confidence in serving, we also need to pray for the right people to emerge, to inspire and guide us - for a Families and Children's Worker to encourage our outreach to families and children in our Mission Community and for the funding that will be necessary for that post; also for the clergy to succeed Kathy and Jane, and Richard, in due course.

Wanted - Eco-tips!

If you have any useful tips for helping the environment in any way, please send them to Sheila Grabham for inclusion in *Connected* in the coming months. Your bright ideas will be gratefully received!

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