

Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ “And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. ²⁶ People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!”

²⁹ Then he gave them this illustration: “Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. ³⁰ When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. ³¹ In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. ³² I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

³⁴ “Watch out! Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don’t let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.

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Saturday Church

Come dressed as your favourite character to help us re-tell

The First Christmas Saturday 8th December, 10.00 am

In the Stable at Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall.

We have Christmas refreshments to share, so do bring your friends and family. No lines to learn but favourite Carols to sing.

Further information from Liz Priest 261312 or Sandra Holland 281128

Donations will be sent to The Bible Society

Okehampton Choral Society presents a Christmas concert
Choruses & Chorales from J.S.Bach - The Christmas Oratorio
followed by traditional carols with audience participation
Fairplace Church, Okehampton on Friday 14th December at 7:30pm
Tickets £10 (£5 students) from Helen Dewhurst 01409 231371 and on the door.



Christian Love in Action

2nd December 2018

First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, All Saints', Bradford
6.30 pm **Advent Carol Service**, St Peter's, Thornbury



Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Jesus said: “Heaven and earth will disappear,
but my words will never disappear.”

Luke 21: 33

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Jane Lucas in her work as Rural Dean;
Revd Elizabeth Burke and Hollacombe Church

Bradford with Cookbury Electoral Roll: Celia and Karl Taylor, Margaret
and Martin Taylor, Viv Radford

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

All our Benefice Primary Schools as they prepare for Christmas

Burdon Grange: for all who live and work there

The family and friends of Valerie Ough whose cremation takes place on
Wednesday

December Diary

Mon 3rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Advent Course , Methodist Chapel, Black Torrington
Tues 4th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory
	7.00 pm	Singing Practice , Village Hall, Black Torrington
Wed 5th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Ladies Christmas Supper , Half Moon, Sheepwash
Sat 8th	10.00 am	Benefice Saturday Church followed by
	11.15 am	Iona Holy Communion , Village Hall, Bradford
	7.00 pm	Compline , St Peter's, Thornbury
Sun 9th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Mary's , Black Torrington
	3.30 pm	Informal Service , Holy Cross, Highampton



The Cremation Service for Val Ough
will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 2.20 pm
in the Barnstaple Crematorium.

The service will be lead by Revd Lynne Burgon.

Stir a Longing

May the sounds of Advent stir a longing in your people, O God.

Come again to set us free from the dullness of routine
and the poverty of our imaginations.

Break the patterns which bind us to small commitments
and to the stale answers we have given
to questions of no importance.

Let the Advent trumpet blow,
let the walls of our defences crumble,
and make a place in our lives for the freshness of your love,
well-lived in the Spirit,
and still given to all who know their need
and dare receive it. Amen.

Howard Thurman—The Mood of Christmas

Lighting the Advent Wreath

First Candle—The Candle of Hope

The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord

Thanks be to God.

On this first Sunday in Advent in which we recall the hope we have in
Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would
be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament
spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the
line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.
We trust God's promise to send Jesus again to the world to establish his
kingdom upon the earth.

The first candle is lit

Hope is a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we
celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray

**God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father
too.**

**Your love is revealed to us
in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David.**

Help us to place our hope in you.

**We ask it in the name of the one
who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

