

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus Teaches About Trusting God

²⁵⁻²⁶ "If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

²⁷⁻²⁹ "Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

³⁰⁻³³ "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

³⁴ "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

The Message



Christian Love in Action

31st March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Family Holy Communion**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Joshua 5: 9 -12

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

(Matthew 6:25-34)

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Matthew 6: 34 (The Message)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice; Revd Elizabeth Burke and Hollacombe Church

Thornbury Electoral Roll: Arthur Sillifant, Joan and Raymond Smith, Paul Taylor, David and Sue Whitehead, Pamela Wood

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

Our Benefice Primary Schools as they come together to celebrate Easter on Wednesday

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

The Appointment of a Families and Children's Worker to our Mission Community - that the right person, and the necessary funding will be found

April Diary

Mon 1st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 2nd	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
	3.30 pm	Flower Festival Meeting , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Wed 3rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	9.30 am	Combined Schools Easter Service , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 4th	8.15 am	Morning and Silent Prayer , followed by
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton
Fri 5th	6.30 pm	Benefice APCM , Highampton Village Hall, followed by drinks and snacks
Sun 7th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , All Saints', Bradford
	6.30 pm	Iona Holy Communion , St Mary's, Black Torrington

*Join us at our special Holy Communion Service
as we celebrate Kathy's ministry on
Sunday 28th April 2019, 11.00 am
At St Mary's Church, Black Torrington
to be followed by lunch
at Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall*



Families' and Children's Worker

Great News! The Diocese has agreed to contribute to the cost of the Families and Children's Worker for our Mission Community.

They will contribute £30k over the first three years!

However, this offer is dependent on several conditions, the most important of these being that the Mission Community will find ways of funding the rest of the money, and also that the Common Fund will be paid in full by each parish.

This is really brilliant news; it is vital that we all commit to praying that the right person and the necessary funding will be found.



Israel In Egypt

Bude Choral Society with Launceston Choral Society are performing Handel's 'Israel in Egypt' (words from Exodus) in Bude Methodist Church on Sunday 7th April at 7.30

Tickets from David Fisher 01409 253137

This Week

Wednesday 3rd April at 9.30 am - St Mary's, Black Torrington

Bradford, Highampton and Black Torrington Schools
Combined Easter Service

Please come along and support our benefice schools



Friday 5th April at 6.30 pm Benefice APCM,
Highampton Village Hall, followed by drinks and snacks