

## Gospel

### Mark 2:23-3:6

#### A Discussion about the Sabbath

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grain fields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. <sup>24</sup> But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>26</sup> He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.

<sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

#### Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. <sup>2</sup> Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." <sup>4</sup> Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.

<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! <sup>6</sup> At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

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#### Four-wheeled walker

If you or anyone you know could make use of a four-wheeled walker, please contact Morag 281800.



*Christian Love in Action*

**3rd June 2018**

**1st Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome to Worship**

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



#### Readings

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2: 23-3: 6

#### Collect

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

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**Mark 2: 27**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**The Mission Community:** Revd Richard Freeman and Bradworthy Benefice, Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Cookbury Church

**Highampton Electoral Roll:** Jackie and Dudley Ody, Michelle Ody, Wendy Rose, Mary Richards, Joan Thomas.

**Our Benefice Schools;** as all staff and pupils return to school from the half term holiday

**Saturday Church:** for all the helpers as they plan for Saturday and the young people who attend that they have an enjoyable and meaningful time.

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

**Revd Jane Lucas** and family, remembering John Lucas who died suddenly last weekend.

**June Diary**

Mon 4th	8.00 am 11am-4pm	<b>Morning Prayer</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington Parson Jack Russell Animal and Art Exhibition
Tues 5th	8.00 am	<b>Prayer Breakfast</b> , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 6th	8.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 7th	8.15 am	<b>Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer</b> ; Holy Cross, Highampton. <i><b>Please note there will be no Holy Communion on Thursday morning</b></i>
Sat 9th	10.00 am	Benefice <b>Saturday Church</b> followed by <b>Holy Communion</b> at approx. 11.15 am, Bradford Village Hall
	7.00 pm	<b>Compline</b> , St Peter's, Thornbury
Sun 10th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> , St Mary's, Black Torrington <b>Informal Service</b> with discussion, Holy Cross, Highampton

**Saturday Church  
Wind and Fire**



Saturday 9th June, 10.00 am  
At Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall.

*We have songs, stories, prayers, crafts, games, a lending library and ....good things to eat!*

*Come and join us, to share an hour where all these things happen, and more.*

*Familiar faces are always appreciated, but if you haven't been before, be assure of a warm welcome.*

A short informal Holy Communion Service takes place after Saturday Church at about 11.15 am in the committee room.

Contact Morag 281800 or Liz 261312 for further information.

**Ladies Supper**— Thursday 14th June,

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm . Half Moon , Sheepwash.

Please let Val Letheren 231430 know by Sunday 10th June if you would like to join us.



**To think about**

Under pressure of time we tend to ignore the things that are important but not urgent. That is why the Sabbath is a life-saver. It's time dedicated to the things that are important but not urgent, like eating together as a family, or celebrating together as a community, or simply giving thanks. These are the things that flood a life with unexpected happiness. On the Sabbath - unless you are a rabbi - stress has no chance at all.

**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.