

Gospel

John 2:13-22

Jesus Clears the Temple

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"



¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

¹⁸ But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."

¹⁹ "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" ²¹ But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body.

²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

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The Future of our Mission Community?

To find out more about this please take
an information sheet from the back of the churches.

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

4th March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Worship

A Warm Welcome to The Ven Dr Mark Butchers

11.00am **Morning Prayer**, St Peter's, Thornbury

6.30pm **Benefice Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"But we preach Christ crucified."

1 Corinthians 1:22

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd. Preb. Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice; Revd Richard Freeman and Milton Damerel Church

Thornbury Electoral Roll: Michael Chandler, Wendy Green, Michele Groves, Sara Lawes, Liz Priest, Arthur Sillifant

Those who are ill: Avis Radford; Joan Thomas

Black Torrington C of E Primary School; Primary Lead, Lisa Paton and all children, staff and parents

All the family and friends mourning the loss of David Forrester-Barker and Sue Thomas

All homeless and displaced persons that they may find shelter and compassion, especially during harsh weather conditions

Rest In Peace: David Forrester-Barker; Sue Thomas

MARCH DIARY

Mon 5th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 6th	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast, Priestacott Barn, Bradford
Wed 7	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.30pm	Lent Group, The Rectory, Black Torrington
Thurs 8th	8.15am	Morning and Silent Prayer; St Peter's, Thornbury
	1.00pm	Lunch Club, Village Hall, Black Torrington
Sat 10th	10.00am	Saturday Church Benefice Mothering Service; Iona Holy Communion, Bradford Village Hall <i>(see notice on page 3)</i>
	1.00pm	Bell Ringing Competition and Service, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00pm	Compline, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Sun 11th	6.30pm	Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Highampton

NB - No Lent Group at Priestacott Barn until 15th March

Music Medley

7.30 pm - 17th March - St Mary's Church, Back Torrington

Cheese and Wine + Raffle

Free Admission

Come and hear a selection of music from



The Mini Minstrels, Barnstaple Harmony 4 and The Sutcombe Singers

Important Notice!



***This year's benefice Mothering Sunday celebration
Is moving...to Saturday (10th March)!***

Everyone is invited to join Saturday Church - Bradford Village Hall at 10.00am - in celebrating our families, our mothers and all who care for us, not forgetting the motherhood of our Church.

Our usual activities will conclude with **the distribution of flowers** and shared refreshments, followed by **Iona Holy Communion**, celebrated by Revd. Julie Cartwright.

***We hope the whole benefice will
come together for this event.***

All are welcome.



"All Things Are Possible" - Lent Groups

7.30pm Wednesday 7th March, The Rectory, Black Torrington
(Thursday 15th March, Priestacott Barn, Bradford tbc)

*Please do come along as and when you can to see
how our faith can play a part in bringing about
a fairer world*



To Think About

The life of God that Jesus makes visible is love. The new life that the wind of the Spirit breathes into us is love.

The reason that Jesus is in the world is love.

God's love doesn't condemn or exclude. God's love is always giving, always reaching out and always seeking to bring life to all it touches. It's a love which sets us free.

It's a love seen most deeply and most clearly in Jesus' life, in his death and in his resurrection.

Taken from #LiveLent: Let Your Light Shine

