

Gospel

John 6:24-35

Jesus is the Bread of Life

²⁴ [So] when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. ²⁵ They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. ²⁷ But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

²⁸ They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"

²⁹ Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? ³¹ After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day."

³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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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

5th August 2018

10th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 13

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury

6.30 pm Iona Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6; 24-35

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Ephesians 4: 2

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Revd Jane Lucas in her work as Rural Dean for the Holsworthy Mission Community

Bradford Electoral Roll: Ayesha and Tim Godfrey, Lorna Harris, Sandra Holland, Hayley Johns, Pauline Jones, Sylvia Lewis

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

Our Benefice Primary Schools: all children, staff and parents, that they enjoy a safe and relaxing summer break

Terry Beazely and Vanessa Wren, who were married on Thursday at All Saints', Bradford

Viv, Barry and all their family and friends as they mourn the loss of Avis

Rest in Peace: Avis Radford

August Diary

Mon 6th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	2.30 pm	Thanksgiving Service for Colin Wood; St Peter's, Thornbury
Tues 7th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 8th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 9th	8.15 am	Morning and Silent Prayer , followed by
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , All Saints', Bradford
	2.00 pm	Funeral Service for Avis Radford, All Saints', Bradford
	7.00 pm	Ladies Supper , Half Moon, Sheepwash
Sat 11th	10.00 am	Benefice Saturday Church , followed by
	11.15 am	Iona Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Compline , St Peter's, Thornbury
Sun 12th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Mary's Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	Informal Service , Holy Cross, Highampton



The Funeral Service for Avis Radford will take place at All Saints', Bradford, at 2.00 pm on Thursday 9th August.

Introduction to the Readings

Exodus 16:2 - 4, 9 - 15. After their miraculous deliverance from slavery in Egypt by crossing of the Red Sea, the Israelites pressed on into the wilderness. When they complained to Moses that they would starve, further evidence of God's guidance and providence was given in flocks of quails and a flaky substance they called *manna* (Hebrew for "what is it?") in plentiful supply for their daily needs.

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16. This exhortation to live the Christian life in all its fullness emphasizes the gift of the Spirit to bring unity to the church and the power to equip all members for their common ministry. It presents a clear mandate for the mission of every congregation.

John 6:24 - 35 For John, miracles had much more to them than seeing them happen and benefitting from them. This one led to a discourse by Jesus about being the bread of life. Many scholars believe that John used this discourse in place of the narrative of the Last Supper in the other three Gospels.

The miracle was another of the signs identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God; it pointed beyond Jesus to God who is the source of all life. By placing particular emphasis on his statement, "I am the bread of life," it identifies Jesus completely with God. This is a more spiritual and theological reflection than one finds in the other Gospels.

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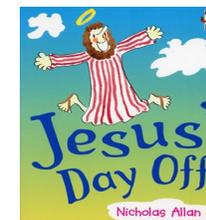
Benefice Saturday Church

Saturday 11th August, 10.00 am at The Village Hall, Bradford

Everyone is warmly invited to come and join us for

Jesus' Day Off

No-one too young or too old!



Songs, stories, prayers, crafts, games, lending library and good things to eat!

Iona Holy Communion is available at approximately 11.15 am