

Gospel

John 5:36-47

Jesus said: ³⁶“But I have a greater witness than John - my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face, ³⁸and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you.

³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

⁴¹“Your approval means nothing to me, ⁴²because I know you don’t have God’s love within you. ⁴³For I have come to you in my Father’s name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. ⁴⁴No wonder you can’t believe! For you gladly honour each other, but you don’t care about the honour that comes from the one who alone is God.

⁴⁵“Yet it isn’t I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. ⁴⁶If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But since you don’t believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

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60 Days of Prayer for Children and Young People

O God, whose son Jesus opened his arms
to welcome children who came to him:
enable us to be accepting, welcoming and compassionate
to young people among us,
remembering particularly those who feel rejected,
alone and afraid.
Amen

*The October Prayer Diaries for Children and Young People are now
available at the back of each church.
Please do take one and use it in your prayers.*



Christian Love in Action

7th October 2018

19th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 22

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Pet Service**, St Peter’s, Thornbury

6.30 pm **Holy Communion**, St Mary’s, Black Torrington



Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

John 5: 36b - 47

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

“Seek the LORD while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near.”

Isaiah 55:6

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Richard Freeman and the Bradworthy Benefice, Revd Jane Lucas and Halwill Church

Black Torrington Electoral Roll: Mark and Snezzy Floyer, Margaret Grabham, Sheila Grabham, Anne Gray, Joyce Hursey

Those who are ill: Iona Barrance, Margaret Grabham, Joan Thomas, Lynne Burgon (recovery from surgery)

Black Torrington Primary School: primary lead Lisa Paton and all staff and children

Lindsay Hutchings and family as they mourn the death of Lindsay's mother, Hilary Britton.

October Diary

Mon 8th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 9th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
	2.30 pm	School Harvest Service , Bradford School
Wed 10th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	9.30 am	School Harvest Service , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	2.30 pm	School Harvest Service , Highampton School
Thurs 11th	8.15 am	Morning Prayer, All Saints', Bradford
	12.30 am	Ladies Lunch , Half Moon, Sheepwash
Sat 13th	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 14th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	4.00 pm	Choral evensong for the Installation of the Right Rev. Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton, Exeter Cathedral



School Harvest Services



Tuesday 9th October 2.30 pm Bradford School
 Wednesday 10th October 9.30 am St Mary's, Black Torrington
 Wednesday 10th October 2.30 pm Highampton School

Introduction to the Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11 These verses from Isaiah 55 conclude with an image of the new creation, with the natural world serving as a metaphor for the life-giving movement and effectiveness of the word of the Lord.

Samuel Giere

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. In this passage an elder churchman urges a second or third generation Christian evangelist to maintain his enthusiasm and commitment when many opponents are preaching false doctrines. He also warns that the challenge will be difficult and costly as many turn away from the true faith.

John Shearman

John 5: 36-47 Jesus begins by calling attention to several witnesses who should confirm his identity to his Jewish opponents. He is aware, however, that his opponents do not receive these witnesses, so he goes on to explain why they are not attending to the evidence. He accuses them of seeking human praise rather than God's praise. This section reveals the nature of belief and unbelief and provides insight into the witness that God gives to himself.

Macarthur Study Bible

Saturday Church



Come and Celebrate **God's Good Gifts!**

Saturday 13th October - 10.00 - village Hall, Bradford

Everyone of any age very welcome



To Think About Viewing Life Through the Lens of the Nature of God

Human persons were created to live and work in a domain of the mind and spirit from which we learn that out of all the aspects of reality God is the most primary. To miss this fact is to miss the most elemental building block of human existence. Sadly, such basic education is widely missing in our society today.The principle responsibility of ministers is to faithfully and accurately represent to others the nature of God and his ways so that people who are willing and able to listen (those with ears to hear and eyes to see) can begin to think about and imagine who God is, who they are, and how the world is designed to work effectively in harmony with God's good will.

From The Divine Conspiracy Continued: Fulfilling God's Kingdom on Earth. by Dallas Willard and Gary Black Jr.