

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. ² Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. ³ Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. ⁴ Isaiah had spoken of John when he said,

“He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming!

Clear the road for him!

⁵ The valleys will be filled,
and the mountains and hills made level.

The curves will be straightened,
and the rough places made smooth.

⁶ And then all people will see
the salvation sent from God.”

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Christmas Hamper in Aid of MND

The raffle for the Christmas Hamper, in aid of MND (Motor Neuron Disease) will be drawn on Sunday 23rd December at St Peter’s, Thornbury.



Christian Love in Action

9th December 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Worship

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Mary’s, Black Torrington

3.30 pm **Informal Service**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Malachi 3: 1-4

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

“And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.”

Luke 1:6

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Jane Lucas and the Ashwater Benefice;
Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Highampton Church

Bradford with Cookbury Electoral Roll: Janet and Mike Welch,
Marion Westaway, Barbara Worth

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

All our Benefice Primary Schools at this busy time of year as they
prepare for Christmas

Burdon Grange: for all who live and work there

For all those who are mourning the death of a loved one

RIP Jean Chapman

December Diary

Mon 10th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Advent Course , Methodist Chapel, Black Torrington
Tues 11th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory
	9.30 am	School Carol Service , All Saints', Bradford
Wed 12th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 13th	8.15 am	Morning and Silent Prayer , followed by
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	1.00 pm	Lunch Club , Village Hall, Black Torrington
Sat 15th	3.30 pm	Christingle Service , All Saints', Bradford
Sun 16th	10.30 am	Holy Communion , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	4.30 pm	Carol Service , All Saint's, Bradford

Christingle Service Offering

The Christingle Service at All Saints Bradford, will be one of many
throughout the country in aid of The Children's Society. The Children's
Society celebrates 50 years of Christingle services in 2018.

To Think About

Hope is hearing the melody of the future;
faith is dancing to it today.

- Ruben A Alvez

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Second Week of Advent - Light of Promise

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Come, Lord Jesus.

The second candle is lit

We come to light a light of promise,
to remember we are not alone,
not abandoned, not lost,
but held in the promise of God's love.

In a world that sometimes forgets God-with-us,
we hold on to your promise.

With the prophets of every age,
we hold on to your promise.

We light a candle in the darkness,
we hold on to your promise.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts.
May the Lord find us
watching and waiting in joy when He comes.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen

