

Gospel

John 17:6-19

Jesus said: ⁶ "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹ "My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

¹³ "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth."

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

13th May 2018

Sunday after Ascension

Welcome to Worship

- 9.30 am **Holy Communion**, All Saints', Bradford
11.00 am **Ascension Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington
6.30 pm **Celtic Evening Prayer**, Holy Cross, Highampton



Readings

Acts 1: 15-17; 21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

"So, whoever has the Son, has life;
whoever rejects the Son, rejects life."

1 John 5:12 (The Message)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Elizabeth Burke and the Holsworthy Benefice; Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Thornbury Church

Bradford Electoral Roll: Maura Marwick, Kevin and Paula Morgan, Cathy and Geoff Pitt, Avis Radford, Viv Radford, Celia and Karl Taylor

Highampton Primary School; head teacher Angela Restall and all the staff and pupils

Those who are ill: Joan Bennett; Avis Radford; Joan Thomas; Iona Barrance;

Rest in Peace: Colin Wood

May Diary

Mon 14th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
	10.30 am	Rota Meeting , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Tues 15th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 16th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 17th	8.15 am	Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer; St Mary's, Black Torrington
	9.30 am	"Growing the Rural Church" Workshop, Village Hall, Ashwater
	7.30pm	Table Top Review Meeting , Bickford Arms, Brandis Corner
Sat 19th	7.00 pm	Compline , All Saints', Bradford
Sun 20th	9.30 am	Pentecost Breakfast;
	11.00 am	Pentecost United Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington

Advance Notices

Tues 22nd	10.00 am	Thornbury PCC Meeting , at the home of Sara Lawes
Thurs 24th	7.30 pm	Churchwardens and Ministry Team Meeting, At the home of Geoff Pitt

Items for Connected

Please would you send items for Connected to Sheila Grabham by the 18th of each month. Don't forget to let her know of any events which you would like shown on the 'Diary' pages. She would be pleased to hear from as many as possible.

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An Invitation to Breakfast!

On Pentecost Sunday
20th May from 9.30 am

St Mary's, Black Torrington



Followed by Pentecost Holy Communion
11.00am



To Think About

In prayer we go to our enemies, to stand at their side. We are with them, near them, for them before God. Jesus does not promise us that the enemy we love, we bless, to whom we do good, will not abuse and persecute us. They will do so. But even in doing so, they cannot harm and conquer us if we take this last step to them in intercessory prayer.

Now we are taking up their neediness and poverty, their being guilty and lost, and interceding for them before God. We are doing for them in vicarious representative action what they cannot do for themselves. Every insult from our enemy will only bind us closer to God and to our enemy. Every persecution can only serve to bring the enemy closer to reconciliation with God, to make love more unconquerable.

How does love become unconquerable? By never asking what the enemy is doing to it, and only asking what Jesus has done.

Loving one's enemies leads disciples to the way of the cross and into communion with the crucified one.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

