

Gospel

John 15:9-17

The New Commandment

Jesus said: ⁹“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹²This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command.

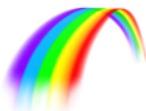
¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.”

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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

6th May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

Welcome to Worship

9.30 am Holy Communion (said), St Mary’s, Black Torrington

4.00 pm Rogation Service, The Barton, Thornbury



Readings

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15: 9-17

Collect

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

“This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends.”

John 15:12 (The Message)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Jane Lucas and the Ashwater Benefice; Revd Richard Freeman and Bulkworthy Church

Bradford Electoral Roll: Sandra Holland, Hayley Johns, Pauline Jones, Sylvia Lewis, Morag Loble, Tracey Lucas

Bradford Primary School; Primary Lead, Lisa Paton and all the staff and pupils

Sharn Kern and Dave Kent, as they begin their married life together

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

The Family and Friends of Colin Wood

Rest in Peace: Colin Wood

May Diary

Mon 7th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 8th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast, The Rectory, Black Torrington
	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation, St Mary's, Bideford
Wed 9th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with the school, St Mary's, Black Torrington, all welcome - please come and lend your support
Thurs 10th	8.15 am	Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer;
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury
	1.00pm	Lunch Club, Black Torrington Village Hall
Sat 12th	10.00 am	Benefice Saturday Church, Village Hall, Bradford
	7.30 pm	Concert, St Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtnay
Sun 13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion, All Saints', Bradford
	11.00 am	Family Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	Evening Service, Holy Cross, Highampton

*Please note—There will be **no Compline** on Saturday 12th May

Pen Amnesty!

If you have mistakenly taken home pens from the pews please would you bring them back when possible. If anyone has any spare pens they would be gratefully received! Thank you.

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.

Email: s.grabham@btconnect.com **Telephone:** 01409 231581

Pentecost Breakfast!

Help Urgently Needed

for the breakfast on Pentecost Sunday from 9.30am - St Mary's, Black Torrington

Please speak to Rose or Mark if you are available.



Concert in aid of The Children's Hospice South West

St Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

Saturday 12th May - 7.30pm

Items by Handel, Tallis, Redford, Gibbons, Purcell, Mozart, Parry and Stanford

Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Please speak to Helen Dewhurst for more details

To Think About Loving One Another....

"Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love."

Francis of Assisi

The Collection Last Week

A total of £187.50 was sent in support of the work at St Georges, Baghdad with The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East; a Christian charity which aims to rebuild lives and restore hope in the Middle East.

FRRME wrote "Your response is much appreciated, and helps make a genuine and lasting difference in the lives of those FRRME assist."