

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Walks on Water

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

³³ Then the disciples worshipped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

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Introduction to the Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18 Elijah is confronted by God as to why he has deserted His people. God would not let him cringe in fear for his life, but challenged him to undertake a new mission and assured him of assistance from Elisha, his understudy, and others in what he was to do.

Romans 10:5-15 Paul clarifies the distinction between the legalism of Judaism to which he himself had once been so fervently dedicated and the living faith as he had found it in Christ. He presents this contrast much as a witness in a law court would testify. To do so he used several quotations from Jewish scriptures to prove his point, thereby virtually turning Judaism on itself.

Matthew 14:22-33 Other versions of this incident appear in the gospels of Mark and John. They both also link it to the feeding of the five thousand. The unique aspect of Matthew's version is Peter's doubt and daring attempt to prove his faith. Like so many of us, the disciples really had not got the message that faith can meet any need if correctly focused on the One who saves us to the uttermost.

John Shearman



Christian Love in Action
Sunday 13th August 2017

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 14

Welcome to Worship

9.30am

Holy Communion, All Saint's, Bradford

11.00am

Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Highampton

6.30pm

Patronal Service, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

1 Kings 19: 9-18

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

Psalms 46:10a

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice; Revd Richard Freeman and Putford Church

All Saint's Electoral Roll: Kevin Morgan, Paula Morgan, Geoff Pitt, Cathy Pitt, Avis Radford, Vivien Radford, Celia Taylor, Karl Taylor

Those who are ill: Jenny Searle, Peter Evans, Dorothy Chandler, Avis Radford, Lorna Harris, Maurice and Joan Thomas, Brian Ough

All children and young people in the Benefice, especially those awaiting exam results

All those mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the families and friends of Renate Eglestaff and Benjie Inniss

Our Benefice Farmers as they try to balance the demands of work and family

Rest in Peace: Renate Eglestaff; Benjie Inniss

August Diary

Mon 714h	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 15th	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast, The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 16th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	11.00am	Funeral of Renate Eglestaff, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.30pm	Discussion Group, The Rectory, Black Torrington
Thurs 17th	8.15am	Morning and Silent Prayer,
	9.00am	Iona Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.45pm	Churchwardens and Ministry Team Meeting
Fri 18th	3.30pm	Funeral of Benjie Inniss, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Sat 19th	7.00pm	Compline, All Saints', Bradford
Sun 20th	9.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints', Bradford
	11.00am	Family Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington

To Think About

We are made for goodness
 We are made for love
 We are made for laughter
 We are made for joy
 We are made for transcendence.
 - Desmond Tutu

"Oil Rigs and Islands - Sink or Swim?"

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.'

Today we're worrying about boatloads of refugees. What would we do if tomorrow whole island groups of refugees cried out to us as their homelands sink beneath rising sea levels?

As sea levels rise and ice caps shrink, the oil companies are ready and waiting. How badly do we want oil? Enough to see the Arctic changed forever?



Please come and join in the discussion!
at The Rectory
on 16th August
7.30pm

Your opinion will be greatly valued!

Everyone is very welcome!

Focus on Compassion—CHRISTIAN AID - Emergencies and disasters

"We're there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term"

"On-going terrorist attacks have displaced around two million people in Nigeria. We have launched a Nigeria Crisis Appeal to reach families in desperate need of food, water and shelter. Violent attacks by terrorist group Boko Haram have affected millions of people. The scale of the Nigeria crisis is widespread, exceeded only by emergencies in Syria, South Sudan and Yemen. Yet media recognition has been slow. We need to act fast. "Our head of humanitarian work, Nick Guttman, recently witnessed Nigeria's situation first hand. He said: 'Families are clinging to life in utterly desperate situations.



"Christian Aid is supporting people in north-east Nigeria: in Borno, Adamawa and Gombe states. Nearly 80% of displaced people live with families who offer them shelter. We are one of few humanitarian organisations giving life-saving support to both displaced people and these host families.



Please help us to continue this urgent work"

