

Gospel

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.¹² A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.¹³ The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.¹⁶ I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

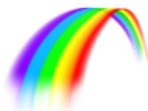
¹⁷ “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.¹⁸ No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

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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

22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship

9.30 am **Holy Communion**, St Peter’s, Thornbury
11.00 am **Holy Communion**, Holy Cross, Highampton
6.30 pm **Café Church Evening Service**, St Mary’s, Black Torrington



Readings

Acts 4: 5-12
1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

“My dear children, let’s not just talk about love; let’s practice real love. This is the only way we’ll know we’re living truly, living in God’s reality.”

1 John 3:18—The Message

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Richard Freeman and the Bradworthy Benefice, Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Highampton Church

Black Torrington Electoral Roll: Elizabeth and Terry Plenty, Sue White, John Plummer, Janet Portman, Peter Roberts, Joan Trengove, Russell and Wendy Taylor Luxton

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

Kate Lock and Jamie Sluggett as they begin their married life together

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

The Family and Friends of Colin Wood

Rest in Peace: Colin Wood

April Diary

Mon 23rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 24th	8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast , The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 25th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Black Torrington
Thurs 26th	8.15 am	Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer ,
	9.00 am	Iona Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton
	2.30 pm	Burdon Grange Holy Communion , Highampton
	7.00 pm	Benefice Open Meeting followed by cheese and wine, Village Hall, Black Torrington
Sat 28th	10.00 am	Benefice Table Top Sale , Village Hall, Black Torrington
	7.00 pm	Compline , Holy Cross, Highampton
Sun 29th	11.00 am	Benefice Iona Holy Communion , St John's, Cookbury

NB The Holy Cross, Highampton APCM will be held on Monday 30th April.

Becoming a Good Person

How do you become a really good person?

You place your confidence in Jesus Christ and become his student or apprentice in kingdom living. That amounts to progressively entering into the abundance of life he brings to us. You learn from him how to live in the kingdom of God as he himself did. There is much to learn after you enter. To go through the door is not necessarily to live in the house. Our confidence that Jesus is "the One" leads us to go constantly to school with him, taking our whole life with us, and it is in so doing that love comes to pervade our life to such an extent that we are unmistakably his students. He said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". He can impose this challenge upon himself as teacher because he knows no one else can produce the human transformation he has in mind.

Dallas Willard

An Important Date for your Diary

Thursday 26th April, at 7.00 pm - Open meeting at Black Torrington Village Hall to discuss the future of our Benefice, in the light of the on-going 'Growing the Rural Church' project for the Holsworthy Mission Community. If you want to know how this may affect our benefice and make your views known, then here is your opportunity. It is very important so if you can't be there, please pray about it.

All are welcome, and cheese and wine will be provided.

Benefice Table Top Sale

Black Torrington Village Hall - Saturday 28th April - 10.00 to 12.00
Plants, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Crafts, Books
Locally Reared Meat, Cakes, Bacon Rolls, Tea and Coffee
and much more!

Appeal to all cake-makers - Cakes urgently needed

