

Gospel



Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

²⁰ Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Introduction to the Readings

Isaiah 51: 1-6 The unknown prophet of Israel's exile in Babylon reassures believers in Israel's covenant that God will intervene to change their tragic circumstances because God has never deserted them.

Romans 12:1-8 Paul's theology, preaching and letter writing all had one goal: to bring his audience to an understanding of the faith in its Christian form and to commit themselves to a life of discipleship to Jesus Christ. He proclaimed primarily, if not exclusively, an ethical gospel and theology. Nowhere in all of the letters attributed to Paul does this come to the fore more explicitly than in this passage.

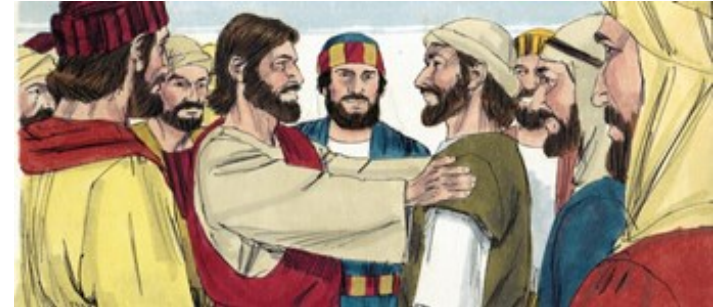
Matthew 16: 13-20 Many dogmatic and ecclesiastical issues surface in the analysis of this reading. Not the least of these are the primacy of Peter and hence of the claim to the papacy by the bishop of Rome. Another is the nature of the authority ostensibly given by Christ to the apostles. Scholars have long debated whether the words attributed to Jesus are in fact a valid rendition of what he may have said on this occasion.



Christian Love in Action
Sunday 27th August 2017
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Proper 16

Welcome to Worship

9.30am **Holy Communion**, St Peter's, Thornbury
11.00am **Holy Communion**, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Isaiah 51: 1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

"But who do you say I am?"

Matthew 16: 15

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Mission Community: The Holsworthy Benefice as they look forward to the licensing of their new priest; Revd Jane Lucas and Beaworthy Church



St Peter's Electoral Roll: Mike and Dorothy Chandler, Sara Lawes, Liz Priest, Sue and David Whitehead, Colin and Pamela Wood

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

Our Benefice Farmers as they try to balance the demands of work and family at this busy time of year

Rest in Peace: Renate Eglestaff; Benjie Inniss, Muriel Inniss

August/September Diary

Tues 29th	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast, The Rectory, Black Torrington
Wed 30th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	7.30pm	Discussion Group, The Rectory, Black Torrington
Thurs 31st	8.15am	Morning and Silent Prayer,
	9.00am	Iona Holy Communion, St John's, Cookbury
Sat 2nd	7.00pm	Compline, St Peter's, Thornbury
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury
	11.00am	Iona Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington
	6.30pm	Informal Evening Prayer, All Saints', Bradford

COME AND CELEBRATE!

Saturday Church is Three Years Old

On Saturday 9th September 2017
10.00 a.m. at Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall
Songs, Stories, Prayers, Crafts, Games,
a Lending Library and.....
Birthday Cake!



To Think About

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

- Nelson Mandela

Benefice Discussion Group



The next discussion will be held on
Wednesday 30th August, at 7.30pm at the Rectory.
The discussion will focus on the controversial subjects of
Gender Orientation; Homosexuality, Gay Marriage etc.
from a Christian perspective



There is room for plenty more - so come along to have your say, listen to others and enjoy the refreshments!

Benefice Devon Historic Churches Trust Afternoon Tea

Saturday 2nd Sept 2-4pm at All Saints' Church, Bradford

Cake donations will be gratefully received!



Psalm 138: 1-8

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.**
- I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.**
- All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.**
- The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**