

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus Causes Division

⁴⁹ "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! ⁵⁰ I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. ⁵¹ Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! ⁵² From now on families will be split apart, three in favour of me, and two against—or two in favour and three against.

⁵³ 'Father will be divided against son
and son against father;
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother;
and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ Then Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "When you see clouds beginning to form in the west, you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. ⁵⁵ When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.' And it is. ⁵⁶ You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times.

NLT

Smile Line

With school-days in mind...



A little girl after her geography exam:
Please God make Copenhagen the capital of Japan
– at least for this month."

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Christian Love in Action
Sunday 18th August
9th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Worship

A warm welcome to The Ven Dr Mark Butchers

10.30 am **Holy Communion**, All Saints, Bradford



Readings

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses
to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows
us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.
And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12: 1 NLT

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Ashwater Benefice, Black Torrington Benefice, Bradworthy Benefice and Holsworthy Benefice.

The Ven Dr Mark Butchers and all visiting Priests during our interregnum.

Highampton Electoral Roll: Gill Bowden, Mary Dayman, Jan Luckhurst, Bob Luckhurst, Dudley Ody, Jackie Ody, Wendy Rose, Mary Richards, Patrick Whitbourn

Those who are ill: Joan Thomas, Iona Barrance and all who love and care for them.

A Priest in Charge for the Ashwater and Black Torrington Benefices.

A Families and Children's Worker for the Mission Community

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

The parents and godparents of Robyn as they prepare for her Baptism

Rest in peace: Tony Chard

August Diary

Fri 23rd	11.00 am	Funeral , St Mary's Black Torrington
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer , St Peter's, Thornbury
	2.00 pm	Baptism , Holy Cross, Highampton
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton With Revd Penny Dobbin



A Prayer for Ashwater and Black Torrington Benefices

Father,

We ask your blessing on the Black Torrington and Ashwater Benefices as we search for someone to lead our faithful flock. We trust that You will find us the right person who will love, nurture and grow, both us and our communities, in your faith.

In the name of Jesus Christ Amen

To Think About

Slow Down

Don't get caught up in the so-called rat-race of life. Next time you go out, purposely slow down or stop if you need to:

Let the handiwork of nature declare to you the glory of God.

Taken from God's little book of Calm. Richard Daly

Holsworthy 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.

Thought for the day

"Just one positive thought in the morning
Can change your whole day"