

## Gospel

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

### Jesus Teaches about Humility

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honour near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honour. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? <sup>9</sup> The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

<sup>10</sup> “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honoured in front of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbours. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. <sup>13</sup> Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

<sup>14</sup> Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

*NLT*

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*Christian Love in Action*  
**Sunday 1st September**  
**11th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Welcome to Worship**

*A warm welcome to Revd John Carvosso*

10.30 am Holy Communion, All Saints, Bradford



### **Readings**

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### **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

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.  
Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers,  
for some who have done this have  
entertained angels without realizing it!

*Hebrews 13: 1-2 NLT*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**The Mission Community:** all who faithfully worship each week

**Revd John Carvosso** and all visiting Priests during our interregnum.

**Black Torrington Electoral Roll:** Joyce Hursey, Bryan Lawrence, Val Letheren, Ernie Luxton, Hilary Luxton, Iris Marsden.

**Those who are ill:** or in any kind of need.

**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:** as they prepare to return to School

**For all preparing for marriage** in the Mission Community

**Burdon Grange:** for all who live and work there and their families and friends

### September Diary

**Mon 2nd**      *Please note the joint Benefice PCC meeting is not taking place*

**Fri 6th**      10.00 am    **Cake and Coffee**, Hope Chapel,  
Black Torrington

**Sun 8th**      10.30 am    **Holy Communion**, St Mary's,  
Black Torrington with Revd Graham Stones



### 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

***You are who you are***

When you start comparing yourself with others, Eventually you will become either resentful or vain, For there will always be greater or lesser people than you.

Be yourself.

Accept yourself.

Appreciate yourself!!

*Taken from God's little book of Hope—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

***Enjoy today***

The future is today.

Live for today, enjoy today—it comes but only once.

*Taken from God's little book of Peace—Richard Daly*