

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵ A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, ²⁶ "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ²⁹ Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!'

³¹ "Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counsellors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? ³² And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

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Harvest Festival

The Dairy Ring, Holsworthy Market

Friday 4th October, 7.30 pm

Refreshments afterwards in The Cow Shed – everyone welcome

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Christian Love in Action
Sunday 8th September
12th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Worship

A warm welcome to Revd Graham Stones

10.30 am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Philemon 3

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Richard Freeman and Revd Elizabeth Burke.

Revd Graham Stones and all visiting Priests during our interregnum.

Black Torrington Electoral Roll: Katharine Matthews, Revd Gerry Matthews, Ronda Mogridge, Jackie Nutt, John Plummer.

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 have started a new school year.

For John Smith and Sarah Cooper who are to be married next Saturday.

Ruth Jones and the students of Holsworthy College as they start a new lunch time discussion group

September Diary

Thurs 12th	1.00 pm	Black Torrington Church and Chapel Lunch Club , for the retired at Black Torrington Village Hall
Sat 14th	10.00 am	Saturday Church , Bradford Village Hall
	12.30 pm	Wedding , All Saints Bradford
	3.00 pm	Ordination of Mark Neave , Exeter Cathedral, followed by refreshments, 6pm at Church House, South Tawton.
Sun 15th	10.30 am	Café Church , St Mary’s, Black Torrington
	6.30 pm	Patronal Holy Communion , Holy Cross, Highampton, followed by cheese and wine



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

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.



Saturday Church

Invites you to a party

Saturday 14th September

10.00 am—Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall

Come and help us celebrate our 5th birthday.

Please note—there will not be a Holy Communion Service, following the Saturday Church party this month.

Thought for the day

Make the right choice

‘You can think and act yourself into dullness or unhappiness. By the same process you can build up inspiration and a surging depth of joy’

Norman Vincent Peale