

Gospel

The Final Judgment

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?' ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

⁴¹ "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'

⁴⁵ "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'

⁴⁶ "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

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To Think About

This is the secret of joy.
We shall no longer strive for our own way,
but commit ourselves, easily and simply, to God's way,
acquiesce in his will and in so doing find our peace.

Evelyn Underhill



Christian Love in Action

26th November 2017

Christ the King

Welcome to Worship

A very warm welcome to The Ven Dr Mark Butchers to St Peter's, Thornbury

9.30am

Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury

11.00am

Holy Communion, Holy Cross, Highampton

6.30pm

Healing Service, St Mary's, Black Torrington



Readings

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen

"Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ have the run of the house."

Colossians 3:15 - The Message

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Mission Community: Revd. Preb. Kathy Roberts and the Black Torrington Benefice; Revd. Richard Freeman and Milton Damerel Church



St Peter's Electoral Roll: Michele Groves, Wendy Green, Lindsay Hutchings, Joan and Raymond Smith, Arthur Sillifant, Paul Taylor

Those who are ill: Maurice and Joan Thomas, Avis Radford, Dorothy Chandler, Bill Smithers, Brian Ough

Amy Clarke, William Priest and Janet Welch who will be confirmed next Sunday

Bradford School; Primary Lead Lisa Paton and all pupils and staff

Zimbabwe as Emmerson Mnangagwa takes over the reins of government

Rest in Peace: Raymond John Jollow

November/December Diary

Mon 27th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Black Torrington
Tues 28th	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast, The Rectory, Black Torrington
	10.00am	Thornbury PCC, The Barn, South Wonford
Wed 29th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Mary's Black Torrington
	7.30pm	Singing Practice, Bradford Village Hall
Thurs 30th	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		Advent Sunday
	11.00am	Confirmation Service with Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service, All Saints', Bradford, followed by refreshments

*The Collection from the Advent Carol Service will be sent to **Embrace** to help vulnerable children*

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



Come and Browse

Bridge Books in Exeter have kindly offered to let us have a selection of Christmas books, calendars and cards for sale. This can be viewed at Saturday Church on 9th, Thornbury Church during the Christingle Service on Sunday 10th and Bradford and Black Torrington Churches on Monday 11th December.

Please see Morag for more details



Advent Study Group—The Songs of Advent

During Advent the Study Group will be looking at "Songs of Advent" by John Birch, which includes the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the Angels and Simeon.

Please sign the list at the back of the church and come along and join in what promise to be four really enjoyable sessions!



Need a lift? Don't be shy – just ask!

If you need transport, perhaps to a church service, church event or medical appointment, we are always happy to organise car sharing. Please contact someone from the list below:

Peter Roberts	231799
Wendy Stratton	231426
Morag Loblely	281800
Margaret & Martin Taylor	281327
David & Sue Whitehead	261777



If you can offer transport please let Sheila Grabham know; tel. - 01409 231581

Introduction to the Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 This prophecy speaks of God's judgment of Israel's spiritual leaders, of the whole of God's people and the promise of a new messianic leader. Jesus saw his own ministry in the light of this passage and the apostolic church recognized him as the promised Messiah.

Ephesians 1:15-23 This passage is one of the great treasures of the New Testament. This passage of the prayer rises from personal and particular references to the one, universal purpose of God in Jesus Christ and the church; to bring all creation under the sovereignty of Christ.

Matthew 25:31-46 The reign of Christ will begin with a final Judgment. But that reign and God's eternal judgment are going on right now. How we live today has eternal consequences. We are to witness to the reign of Christ in the way we serve him in faithfulness, kindness and love to our neighbours in need. Each one of us has to ask ourselves where we stand and how we are to respond to the opportunity God constantly gives us to be among God's people now and forever.

John Shearman