

Upcoming Dates

Monday 8th July

9.15 am Black Torrington C of E School Assembly, in the Church

11.00 am Black Torrington PCC Meeting

Tuesday 9th July

2.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing
Black Torrington Church

Wednesday 10th July

10.00 am Morning Prayer
Black Torrington Church

Sunday 14th July

11.00 am Café Church
Black Torrington

11.00 am Holy Communion
Clawton Church

2.30 pm Baptism
Halwill Church

6.30 pm BCP Evensong
Beaworthy Church



Please pray for:

Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick and our Benefice Churches.

Revd Mark James and the Bradworthy Benefice

Revd Alison Hardy and the Holsworthy Benefice

All who live and work in our Mission Community

Rest in peace all who have recently died including Iris Marsden (Black Torrington)

All who are mourning the death of a loved one including the family and friends of Michael Merritt, Betty Woodhams and Iris Marsden

Those who are ill or in any kind of need and those who are vulnerable due to underlying health conditions including Phil Beare, Axel (a very sick young child) and Pamela

Our Benefice Schools all staff, pupils and parents

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Please note: **RECTOR'S DAY OFF IS FRIDAY**

Ruby Country Benefice

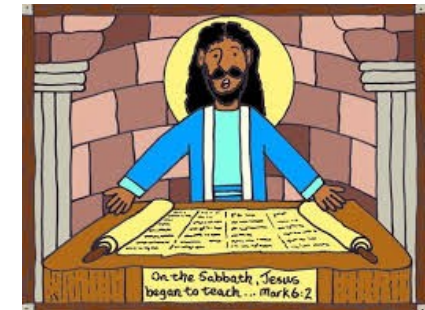
Sunday 7th July 2024

6th Sunday after Trinity

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*The parishes of Ashwater,
Beaworthy, Black Torrington,
Clawton, Halwill,
Highampton & Tetcott*



Welcome to Worship

9.30 am Morning Prayer
Ashwater

PLEASE NOTE

No Service at Halwill

11.00 am Holy Communion
Black Torrington

5.30 pm Service
Luffincott

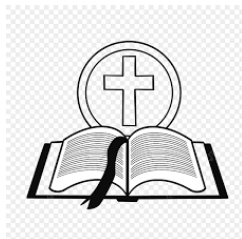
6.00 pm Walk to Tetcott
for tea and cakes

Ruby people: Worshipping in God's country

Commentary

*'Jesus called the twelve to him and sent them out two by two'. (Today's Gospel). There is a lot going on in this simple sentence. The first is that Jesus is calling his disciples to him. Think about them, and then think about us, here in Ruby. Jesus calls them and then Jesus calls us, it all starts by Jesus calling and we responding to that call. Then Jesus sends them out in pairs, NOT alone. We are community and accountable. Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples are the messengers, healing, evangelising, sharing the Gospel, fighting evil. Like them we have to work together, in ministry as in safeguarding, accountability and safety is grounded in joint working. They go, so must we. The People of Ruby **need** to hear the Gospel and rediscover their faith, that rock upon which all life is anchored. Who will tell them of Jesus, if not us?*

Paul



Epistle

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

²I know about one of Christ's followers who was taken up into the third heaven 14 years ago. I don't know if the man was still in his body when it happened, but God certainly knows.

³As I said, only God really knows if this man was in his body at the time. ⁴But he was taken up into paradise, where he heard things too wonderful to tell. ⁵I will brag about that man, but not about myself, except to say how weak I am.

⁶Yet even if I did brag, I would not be foolish. I would simply be speaking the truth. But I will try not to say too much. That way, none of you will think more highly of me than you should because of what you have seen me do and say. ⁷Of course, I am now referring to the wonderful things I saw. One of Satan's angels was sent to make me suffer terribly, so that I would not feel too proud.

⁸Three times I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away. ⁹But he replied, "My gift of undeserved grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am. ¹⁰Yes, I am glad to be weak or insulted or mistreated or to have troubles and sufferings, if it is for Christ. Because when I am weak, I am strong

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Gospel

Mark 6: 1-13

The People of Nazareth Turn against Jesus

6 Jesus left and returned to his hometown with his disciples. ²The next Sabbath he taught in the synagogue. Many of the people who heard him were amazed and asked, "How can he do all this? Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles?" ³Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren't James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don't his sisters still live here in our town?" The people were upset because of what he was doing.

⁴ But Jesus said, "Prophets are honored by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their relatives and their own family." ⁵Jesus could not work any miracles there, except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them. ⁶He was surprised that the people did not have any faith.

Instructions for the Twelve Apostles

Jesus taught in all the neighboring villages. ⁷ Then he called together his twelve apostles and sent them out two by two with power over evil spirits. ⁸ He told them, "You may take along a walking stick. But don't carry food or a traveling bag or any money. ⁹It's all right to wear sandals, but don't take along a change of clothes. ¹⁰When you are welcomed into a home, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ If any place won't welcome you or listen to your message, leave and shake the dust from your feet as a warning to them."

¹² The apostles left and started telling everyone to turn to God. ¹³ They forced out many demons and healed a lot of sick people by putting olive oil^l on them.

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