

## Upcoming Dates

### Monday 22nd April

9.15 am Black Torrington School  
Assembly in  
the School

### Tuesday 23rd April

2.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing  
Black Torrington Church

### Wednesday 24th April

10.00 am Morning Prayer  
Black Torrington Church  
7.00 pm Tetcott Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting

### Thursday 25th April

1.00 pm Funeral Brenda Boulton  
Halwill Church  
7.00 pm Black Torrington Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting

### Sunday 28th April

11.00 am Holy Communion  
Beaworthy Church  
11.00 am United Service  
Clawton Church  
6.30 pm Evening Service  
Highampton Village Hall

**Revd Mark James** has been appointed  
as Rector of the Bradworthy Benefice.  
The induction by the  
Bishop of Crediton will take place on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June,  
7.30 pm at Bradworthy

## Please pray for:

**Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick** and our Benefice  
Churches

**All who live** and work in our Mission  
Community

**Rest in peace** all who have recently died  
including Brenda Boulton (Halwill), David  
Corthine (Clawton) Yvonne (Vonnice) King  
Black Torrington

**All who are mourning** the death of a loved  
one including the family and friends of Jean  
and Des Moore, Leslie Johnson, Brenda  
Boulton, David Corthine and Yvonne King

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

**Our Benefice Schools** all staff, pupils and  
parents as they return to School for the new  
term



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

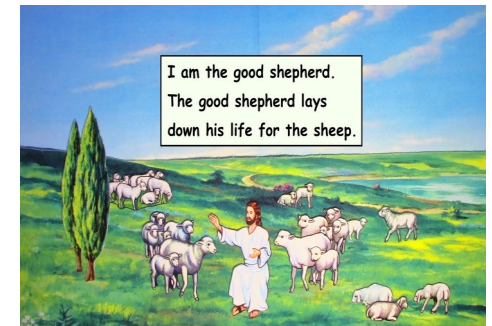
## Ruby Country Benefice

Sunday 21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

## GRAPEVINE

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



## Welcome to Worship

9.30 am Holy Communion  
Ashwater

11.00 am Holy Communion  
followed by APCM, Halwill

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
Black Torrington

*Ruby people; Worshipping in God's country*

## Commentary

*The readings this week are both simple and powerful. If you read them slowly a couple of times the words and images wash through you and you are transported to another time and place. Too often we analyse our faith, break it down to constituent parts, measure it, and then find it wanting. Faith is something we enter into, engage with, like rushing into the sea and gasping for air against the cold salt spray. It is something lived, not analysed. Read these passages again and feel God's promise, his power and his love.*

Paul.

**Liturgical colours shifts from White to Green this week.**



## Epistle

### Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next morning the leaders, the elders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>The high priest Annas was there, as well as Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other members of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They brought in Peter and John and made them stand in the middle while they questioned them. They asked, "By what power and in whose name have you done this?"

<sup>8</sup>Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders:

<sup>9</sup>You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a man who could not walk was healed. <sup>10</sup>But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel. This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. <sup>11</sup>He is the stone you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. <sup>12</sup>Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone. (CEV)

## Gospel

### John 10: 11-18

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. <sup>12</sup>Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. <sup>13</sup>Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. <sup>15</sup>Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must also bring them together, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>The Father loves me, because I give up my life, so I may receive it back again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly! I have the power to give it up and the power to receive it back again, just as my Father commanded me to do.

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