

## Upcoming Dates

### Monday 24th June

- 9.15 am** Black Torrington C of E  
School Assembly in the School
- 2.00 pm** Funeral of Betty Woodhams  
Baptist Church, Halwill Junction
- 7.00 pm** Archdeacons Visitation  
Holsworthy Church

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

- 2.30 pm** Hand Bell Ringing  
Black Torrington Church
- 7.30 pm** Licensing of Revd Mark James  
St John the Baptist Church,  
Bradworthy EX22 7TD  
by the Bishop of Plymouth,  
the Rd Revd James Grier

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

- 10.00 am** Morning Prayer  
Black Torrington Church
- 10.00 am** Rural Deans Meeting

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

- 7.30 pm** Deanery Synod Meeting  
Holsworthy Church

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

- 11.00 am** Benefice Holy Communion  
Black Torrington Church



## Please pray for:

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

**Revd Mark James** as he is licensed for the Bradworthy Benefice

**Revd Alison Hardy** and the Holsworthy Benefice

**All Churchwardens** as they meet together at the Deanery Visitation

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

**Rest in peace** all who have recently died

**All who are mourning** the death of a loved one including the family and friends of Michael Merritt, Jean Wasley, William Angus and Betty Woodhams

**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), Pamela and Arthur

**Our Benefice Schools** all staff, pupils and parents

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

## Ruby Country Benefice

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Proper 7

## GRAPEVINE

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



## Welcome to Worship

**11.00 am** United Service  
Clawton

**11.00 am** Patronal Festival  
Beaworthy

**6.30 pm** Holy Communion  
Black Torrington for Highampton

*Ruby people; Worshipping in God's country*

## Commentary

How often do we feel lost in a boat, flung about on a storm? One more negative email, the children won't go to sleep, our best friend is no longer talking to us and we don't know why, loneliness, more work than we can handle, no work at all; the list is endless. Many early none-conformists understood this and used an anchor as their religious theme rather than a cross (There is a massive anchor tomb in Okehampton churchyard). They instinctively understood that there were times (quite a lot of them) when we need to cling on to God, that he anchors us in life's storms and that he is firm, strong and will not let go of us. They needed the physical image of an anchor to remind themselves of this – so sometimes do we.

**Paul.**



## Epistle

### 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

<sup>6</sup> We work together with God, and we beg you to make good use of God's gift of undeserved grace. <sup>2</sup> In the Scriptures God says, "When the time came, I listened to you, and when you needed help, I came to save you." That time has come. This is the day for you to be saved.

<sup>3</sup> We don't want anyone to find fault with our work, and so we try hard not to cause problems. <sup>4</sup> But in everything and in every way we show we truly are God's servants. We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times. <sup>5</sup> We have been beaten, put in jail, and hurt in riots. We have worked hard and have gone without sleep or food. <sup>6</sup> But we have kept ourselves pure and have been understanding, patient, and kind. The Holy Spirit has been with us, and our love has been real. <sup>7</sup> We have spoken the truth, and God's power has worked in us. In all our struggles we have said and done only what is right.

<sup>8</sup> Whether we were honored or dishonored or praised or cursed, we always told the truth about ourselves. But some people said we did not. <sup>9</sup> We are unknown to others, but well known to you. We seem to be dying, and yet we are still alive. We have been punished, but never killed, <sup>10</sup> and we are always happy, even in times of suffering. Although we are poor, we have made many people rich. And though we own nothing, everything is ours.

<sup>11</sup> Friends in Corinth, we are telling the truth when we say there is room in our hearts for you. <sup>12</sup> We are not holding back on our love for you, but you are holding back on your love for us. <sup>13</sup> I speak to you as I would speak to my own children. Please make room in your hearts for us. (CEV)

## Gospel

### Mark 4: 35-41

#### A Storm

<sup>35</sup> That evening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the east side." <sup>36</sup> So they left the crowd, and his disciples started across the lake with him in the boat. Some other boats followed along. <sup>37</sup> Suddenly a storm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep. His disciples woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're about to drown?"

<sup>39</sup> Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm.

<sup>40</sup> Jesus asked his disciples, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?"

<sup>41</sup> Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (CEV)

