

Upcoming Dates

Monday 1st July

10.30 am Halwill PCC Meeting
2.30 pm Clawton PCC Meeting
at the home of Lorna Bowden

Tuesday 2nd July

10.00 am Benefice Council Meeting
Halwill Church
2.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing
Black Torrington Church

Wednesday 3rd July

10.00 am Morning Prayer
Black Torrington Church
7.00 pm Tetcott PCC Meeting

Sunday 7th July

9.30 am Morning Prayer
Ashwater Church
11.00 am Morning Prayer
Halwill Church
11.00 am Holy Communion
Black Torrington Church
5.30 pm Service
Luffincott Church
6.00 pm Walk to Tetcott Church
for tea and cakes



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 30th June 2024

5th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8

GRAPEVINE

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



Welcome to Worship

11.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion
Black Torrington Church

Ruby people; Worshipping in God's country

Commentary

I have always deeply loved the story of Jairus daughter. My children were brought up on it and it played a major role in their faith journey. The Church of England produced an outstanding children's outreach package based on her, and if I had had another daughter, I would have called her 'Talitha' which means 'little girl' from today's Gospel. There are many passages that mean a great deal to me and I know, from personal experience, that sometimes God speaks directly to us through them. This can only happen though if we spend the time reading our bibles, slowly, gently, and with reflection; if you open the door a crack, God will come in.

Paul.



Epistle

2 Corinthians 8: 7-24

⁷You do everything better than anyone else. You have stronger faith. You speak better and know more. You are eager to give, and you love us better. Now you must give more generously than anyone else.

⁸I am not ordering you to do this. I am simply testing how real your love is by comparing it with the concern that others have shown. ⁹You know our Lord Jesus Christ treated us with undeserved grace by giving up all his riches, so you could become rich.

¹⁰A year ago you were the first ones to give, and you gave because you wanted to. So listen to my advice. ¹¹I think you should finish what you started. If you give according to what you have, you will prove you are as eager to give as you were to think about giving. ¹²It doesn't matter how much you have. What matters is how much you are willing to give from what you have.

¹³I am not trying to make life easier for others by making life harder for you. But it is only fair ¹⁴for you to share with them when you have so much, and they have so little. Later, when they have more than enough, and you are in need, they can share with you. Then everyone will have a fair share, ¹⁵just as the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered too much had nothing left. Those who gathered only a little had all they needed."

Titus and His Friends

¹⁶I am grateful that God made Titus care as much about you as we do. ¹⁷When we begged Titus to visit you, he said he would. He wanted to because he cared so much for you. ¹⁸With Titus we are also sending one of the Lord's followers who is well known in every church for spreading the good news. ¹⁹The churches chose this follower to travel with us while we carry this gift that will bring praise to the Lord and show how much we hope to help. ²⁰We don't want anyone to find fault with the way we handle your generous gift. ²¹But we want to do what pleases the Lord and what people think is right.

²²We are also sending someone else with Titus and the other follower. We approve of this man. In fact, he has already shown us many times that he wants to help. And now he wants to help even more than ever, because he trusts you so much. ²³Titus is my partner, who works with me to serve you. The other two followers are sent by the churches, and they bring honor to Christ. ²⁴Treat them in such a way that the churches will see your love and will know why we bragged about you. (CEV)



Gospel

Mark 5: 21-43

A Dying Girl and a Sick Woman

²¹Once again Jesus got into the boat and crossed Lake Galilee. Then as he stood on the shore, a large crowd gathered around him. ²²The person in charge of the synagogue was also there. His name was Jairus, and when he saw Jesus, he went over to him. He knelt at Jesus' feet ²³and started begging him for help. He said, "My little daughter is about to die! Please come and touch her, so she will get well and live." ²⁴Jesus went with Jairus. Many people followed along and kept crowding around.

²⁵In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶She had gone to many doctors, and they had not done anything except cause her a lot of pain. She had paid them all the money she had. But instead of getting better, she only got worse.

²⁷The woman had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him in the crowd and barely touched his clothes.

²⁸She had said to herself, "If I can just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹As soon as she touched them, her bleeding stopped, and she knew she was healed.

³⁰At that moment Jesus felt power go out from him. He turned to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹His disciples said to him, "Look at all these people crowding around you! How can you ask who touched you?" ³²But Jesus turned to see who had touched him.

³³The woman knew what had happened to her. So she came trembling with fear and knelt down in front of Jesus. Then she told him the whole story.

³⁴Jesus said to the woman, "You are now well because of your faith. May God give you peace! You are healed, and you will no longer be in pain."

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from Jairus' home and said, "Your daughter has died! Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶Jesus heard what they said, and he said to Jairus, "Don't worry. Just have faith!"

³⁷Jesus did not let anyone go with him except Peter and the two brothers, James and John. ³⁸They went home with Jairus and saw the people crying and making a lot of noise. ³⁹Then Jesus went inside and said to them, "Why are you crying and carrying on like this? The child isn't dead. She is just asleep." ⁴⁰But the people laughed at him.

After Jesus had sent them all out of the house, he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples and went to where she was. ⁴¹⁻⁴²He took the twelve-year-old girl by the hand and said, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" The girl got right up and started walking around.

Everyone was greatly surprised. ⁴³But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened. Then he said, "Give her something to eat." (CEV)