

Upcoming Dates

Monday 19th February

10.30 am Black Torrington

PCC Meeting home of Val Letheren

7.00 pm Parson Jack Russell Art

Exhibition meeting, The Larches,
Black Torrington

Tuesday 20th February

11.15 am Bell plates

Black Torrington School

2.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing

The Dairy, Fishleigh Farm,
Black Torrington

Wednesday 21st February

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Black Torrington Church

Thursday 22nd February

3.30 pm Benefice Council Meeting

Great Knowle House, Pyworthy
EX22 6JY

Sunday 25th February

9.30 am Baptism

Fern Ivy McIntosh
Tetcott Church

11.00 am Holy Communion

Beaworthy Church

11.00 am United Service

Clawton Church

3.30 pm Evening Service

Highampton Village Hall

Diary Dates

Please pray for:

Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick and our Benefice Churches

All who live and work in our Mission Community and for the interviews taking place in the Bradworthy Benefice

Rest in peace all who have recently died including David Winsford Williams-Brock (Tetcott) and Florrie Stokes (Ashwater)

All who are mourning the death of a loved one including the family and friends of David Winsford Williams-Brock and Florrie Stokes

Those who are ill or in any kind of need and those who are vulnerable due to underlying health conditions including Jenny Hyslop, Stephen Bowness, Bryan Hancock, Pat Williams, Doug and Sue, Phil Beare, Derek and Pam Axford

Our Benefice Schools all staff, pupils and parents

Fern Ivy McIntosh, her parents, godparents, family and friends as they prepare for her Baptism

For the appointment(s) of a new Diocesan Bishop, A new Rector for Bradworthy and the new post of Rural Officer for North Devon.

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

Ruby Country Benefice

Sunday 18th February

1st Sunday of Lent

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
Halwill

11.00 am Morning Prayer
Black Torrington

Ruby people; Worshipping in God's country

Commentary

The foundation of the Christian faith is that in Jesus God personally encountered human beings. Jesus showed the nature of God's love as he healed, liberated, forgave and reconciled, as he mixed with social undesirables and was critical of religious status and hypocrisy. His disciples believed that he gave his life for them, and was raised from death to live with God, and that through him, God had acted to deliver them from evil and unite them to God for ever.

This is the Jesus that we encounter as we move through Lent. Let's make sure that we make the space to meet him on our journey.

Paul

LENT COURSE

Five Sessions, every Tuesday from February 20th. 10.30am at Milton Damerel Methodist Chapel 'School Room'.

The title is "A Way through the Wilderness" - Experiencing God's help in times of crisis (by Paula Gooder.

Revd Stephen Skinner will be leading the course

ALL WELCOME

Epistle

1 Peter 3: 18-22

¹⁸ Christ died once for our sins.
An innocent person died
for those who are guilty.
Christ did this
to bring you to God,
when his body
was put to death
and his spirit
was made alive.

¹⁹ Christ then preached to the spirits that were being kept in prison.
²⁰ They had disobeyed God while Noah was building the boat, but God had been patient with them. Eight people went into that boat and were brought safely through the flood.

²¹ Those flood waters were like baptism that now saves you. But baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death.
²² Christ is now in heaven, where he sits at the right side of God. All angels, authorities, and powers are under his control. (CEV)



Gospel

Mark 1: 9-15

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ About that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.
¹⁰ As soon as Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove. ¹¹ A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."

Jesus and Satan

¹² At once God's Spirit made Jesus go into the desert. ¹³ He stayed there for 40 days while Satan tested him. Jesus was with the wild animals, but angels took care of him.

Jesus Begins His Work

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God. ¹⁵ He said, "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn back to God and believe the good

