

**Mark 6: 14-29****John the Baptist Beheaded**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you."

<sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CHURCH for the VISITATION by the ACTING ARCHDEACON Thursday 22nd July, 7.30 pm St John the Baptist, Bradworthy**

***The United Benefice of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Clawton, Halwill, Highampton and Tetcott***  
**Sunday 11th July 2021**  
**6th Sunday after Trinity**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

9.30 am Morning Service, Ashwater

11.00 am Baptism, Halwill

11.00 am Communion by Extension, Black Torrington

6.30 pm Evening Service, Beaworthy

**Readings**

Amos 7: 7-15

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

**Collect**

Creator God,

you made us all in your image:

May we discern you in all that we see,

And serve you in all that we do;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Interim Priest-in-Charge (part time)**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Mission Community:** for all who live and work in our Mission Community.

**All who are mourning** the death of a loved one including the family of Philip Taylor (*Ashwater*)

**Rest in peace** all who have recently died including Philip Taylor.

**Those who are ill** or in any kind of need and those who are vulnerable due to underlying health conditions, including Bryan Hancock, Sue, Grace Spelman, Mavis Watson, Peter and Maureen Ellis, Malcolm and Judith Lusted, Jenny Hyslop, Brian Colebrook-Clark, Tim Kirk.

**We pray for our Benefice Schools,** for all staff and pupils.

**For the Baptism of** Emily Margaret Hawkins and her parents Matthew and Natasha. And a happy first birthday to Emily.

**For those preparing for marriage in the coming week,** including Lucy Raison and Mark Grabham. (*Black Torrington*)

**Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 12th July</b>	10.30 am	Beaworthy PCC Meeting
<b>Tuesday 13th July</b>	11.00 am	ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 14th July</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer, Black Torrington Church
	10.30 am	Halwill PCC Meeting
<b>Thursday 15th July</b>	6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal, Black Torrington Church
	8.00 pm	ZOOM Compline
<b>Saturday 17th July</b>	1.00 pm	Wedding at Black Torrington
<b>Sunday 18th July</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion Ashwater Church
	11.00 am	Morning Service, Halwill Church
	6.30 pm	Evening Service, Highampton Church



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**POEM** by Nick Fawcett

Father, teach me how to pray,  
 for I don't know what to say,  
 sometimes so unsure I barely say a word.  
 Grant me strength to persevere,  
 keeping faith that you are near  
 even though it often seems you haven't heard.  
 Help me share what's deep inside,  
 doubts and fears I try to hide,  
 faults and weaknesses I hesitate to name.  
 Give me faith to bare my soul,  
 trusting you can make me whole,  
 set me free from any sense of guilt and shame.  
 Help me share my hopes and fears,  
 joy and laughter, pain and tears,  
 knowing every part of life is your concern.  
 And to comprehend you will,  
 teach me also to be still,  
 so that through your Spirit's prompting I might learn.  
 Bid me come because I may,  
 not because I'm told to pray,  
 but responding to the welcome you extend -  
 neither nervous nor in dread  
 but approaching you instead  
 as a faithful father, living, loving friend.

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**SMILE LINE**

**Lot's wife**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving,' he said, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'