

## Luke 14:25-33

## The Cost of Being a Disciple

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:  
<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?  
<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. NIV



A group of people who pray privately  
(and in strict confidence)  
for specific situations.

If you, or anyone you know,  
is in need of prayer for any reason,  
please contact: **Co-ordinators**  
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*Any prayer requests received are emailed out as soon as possible.  
If you would like to join the prayer chain in praying for any needs that are requested,  
please contact Sheila Grabham for inclusion on the list.*

**Please note all prayer requests are confidential.**

## Ruby Country Benefice

*The Parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington,  
Clawton, Halwill, Highampton and Tetcott*

**Sunday 4th September 2022**  
**12th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am Holy Communion, Ashwater  
11.00 am Holy Communion, Halwill  
11.00 am Holy Communion, Black Torrington  
4.00 pm BBQ & Evening Service, Tetcott



### Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14: 25-33

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve;  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Interim Vicar (part time)

Revd Stephen Skinner  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**Rest in peace** all who have recently died including Mark Colwill (Ashwater) and Derrick Hayes (Clawton)

**All who are mourning** the death of a loved one including the family and friends of Mark Colwill, Marion Barwell and Derrick Hayes

**Those who are ill** or in any kind of need and those who are vulnerable due to underlying health conditions, including Mavis Watson, Jenny Hyslop, Stephen Bowness

**For all those** suffering with Covid and the long term effects of the virus

**For Ben and Sophie** married at Ashwater on Saturday

**Dates for your diary**

<b>Tuesday 6th September</b>	4.00 pm	Handbell Ringing Black Torrington Church
<b>Wednesday 7th September</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer Black Torrington Church
	2.00 pm	Benefice Churchwardens/ Reps meeting, Black Torrington Church
<b>Thursday 8th September</b>	8.00 pm	ZOOM Compline
<b>Friday 9th September</b>	10.30 am	Halwill PCC
	7.00 pm	Halwill Churches Harvest Halwill Baptist Hall
<b>Saturday 10th September</b>	10.00 am	Saturday Church Birthday Bradford Village Hall
<b>Sunday 11th September</b>	11.00 am	Café Church Black Torrington Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion Clawton Church
	4.00 pm	<b>Mission Community</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> Holsworthy Church with Bring & Share Tea
	6.30 pm	BCP Evensong Beaworthy Church



**ZOOM MEETING**  
Meeting ID:317 183 8102  
Passcode: 848984

**Thought for Sunday 4th September 2022**

**What a great idea!!**

After the great work of creation was completed,  
God was tired, and so the great Creator stopped creating for a while,  
and took a break, and enjoyed what had been made.  
And it felt so good that God said, 'Come and join me.  
Stop what you're doing, once a week will be fine, and just be.'

'What a great idea,' the good church folk said.  
So, they got up early to check the heating,  
and copy the service sheets, and boil up the urn.  
And the minister laboured over her sermon,  
and the people laboured to understand it.  
And there was much singing, and some praying,  
and the tinkle of coins, and some chatter,  
and a story for the children.  
There were words of scripture,  
words of blessing,  
words of greeting and farewell,  
and the drinking of tea and more chatter,  
and some laughter and stories to share.  
Then dishes to wash,  
and a quick turnaround before Messy Church in the afternoon.

And God opened a sleepy eye and said,  
'What bit of "rest" did you not understand.'



*J Mary Henderson, Spill the Beans  
Taken from Autumn by Ruth Burgess*