

Upcoming dates

Monday 30 March

2.00pm Benefice council meeting
Little Acorns, Highhampton

Tuesday 31 March

9.00am School assembly
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
10.30am Joint council meeting, John's house
2.00pm Handbells
St. Mary's, Black Torrington

Wednesday 1 April

10.00am Holy communion and stations of the cross
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
12.00pm Halwill church meeting
John Lawlor's house

Thursday 2 April

6.30pm Benefice Maundy Thursday service
St. Peter & St. James, Halwill

Friday 3 April

Good Friday

10.00am Good Friday service
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
2.30pm Good Friday service
St. Alban, Beaworthy

Sunday 5 April

Easter Sunday

11.00am Easter Day service
St. Leonard's, Clawton
11.00am Easter holy communion
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
11.00am Easter morning service
St. Peter & St. James, Halwill
5.30pm Easter tea and evening service
Holy Cross, Tetcott

Commentary

St Paul in his letter to the Colossians prays we might 'lead a life worthy of the Lord' which involves 'increasing in the knowledge of God'; the God-given opportunity to do so is present in engaging with the events of this week and Christ's sacrifice. We need to understand and connect more deeply the meaning of his passion and death with the power of his resurrection to new and eternal life. My prayer is that we may all, bear fruit for his glory, this Eastertide and in the year ahead. Paul.

Please pray for:

All who have died recently, including Carole Moon from Ashwater, Mike Brown and their friends and relatives.

Those who are ill, including Ian, Helen, Steve, Cathy, Peter, Brian, Ian, Sandra, Catherine and Joan Trengrove.

Our Benefice schools.

All those who give generously to the Foodbank on a regular basis and those who receive food.

All who are living under conditions of conflict, including those in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, Congo and Syria and the whole of the Middle East.

Mission prayer

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ, who indwells you, has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power

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Sunday 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

GRAPEVINE

The parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy,
Black Torrington with Highhampton,
Clawton, Halwill and Tetcott

Welcome to Worship

Sunday 29 March

11.00am Benefice holy
communion
St. Mary's, Black Torrington

Ruby people: Worshipping in God's country

Old Testament

Psalm 31:9-16

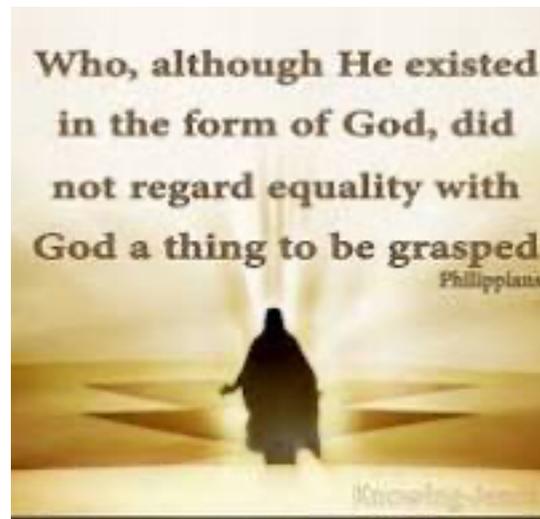
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many, terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. (NIV)



Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father. (NIV)



Gospel

Matthew 21: 1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee’. (NIV)