
Upcoming dates

Tuesday 2 June

2.00pm Handbells
St. Mary's, Black Torrington

Wednesday 3 June

10.00am Morning prayer
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
10.45am Church team meeting
St. Mary's, Black Torrington

Saturday 6 June

Visiting bell ringers
St. Leonard's, Clawton
Visiting tower ringers
St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater

Sunday 7 June

9.30am Morning service
St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater
11.00am Holy Communion
St. Mary's, Black Torrington
11.00am Morning service
St. Peter & St. James, Halwill
5.30pm Service followed by tea,
Holy Cross, Tetcott

Commentary

Trinity is an assume construct. It embraces the growing world and its complexity, like a seed that produces a tree and then fruit, all in season; it is a complex idea of a single god -for- a complex God. Muslims attack it as a defence of their claim to be the only monogamous centred faith, but that is just deliberate opportunistic rhetoric. Trinity is 'God-with-us, in our lives, our adventures and our deaths; we are carried in him, and he in us. Paul.

Please pray for:

All who have died recently, including Martin Peter Redwood, June Yendall, Zyg Gregorek and Kevin Eaton, and their friends and relatives.

Those who are ill, including Ian, Helen, Steve, Cathy, Peter, Brian, Ian, Sandra, Andrew, Judy, Richard, Emma and Catherine.

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 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

GRAPEVINE

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

Welcome to Worship

Sunday 31 May

11.00am Benefice Holy
Communion
St. Peter & St. James, Halwill

Ruby people: Worshipping in God's country

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?

Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counsellor? Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding? Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)

Epistle

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. (NIV)

Gospel

Matthew 28: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)
