

Ruby Country Benefice

The parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington with Highampton, Clawton, Halwill, & Tetcott with Luffincott

Bulletin June 2026



*“Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”*

Psalm 100:3 (NIV)

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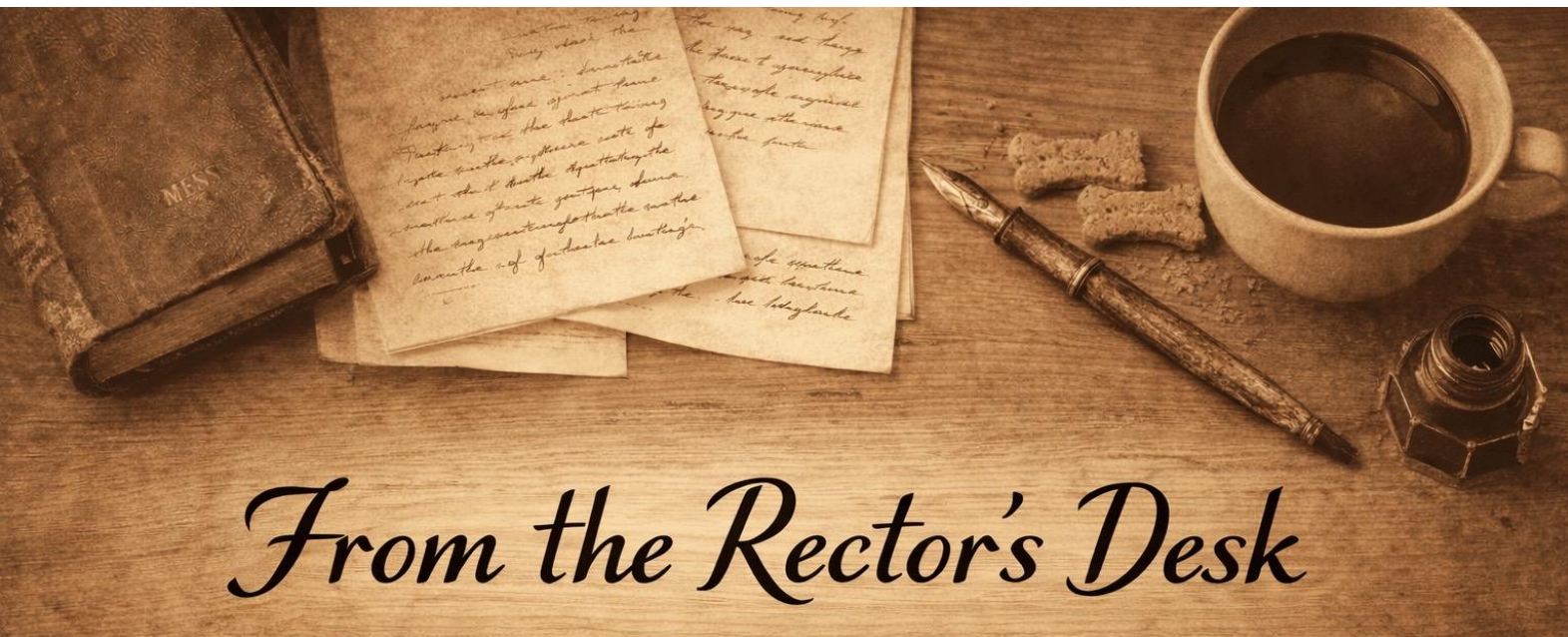
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Thanks to those who have contributed this month





From the Rector's Desk

June

The Venetian Ambassador to the Court of Elizabeth I said that, 'the English summer consisted of two sunny days and a thunder storm'. Well, as I write we have had four warm days and the dark, wet, storm clouds predict a grumpy, dark Monday this morning. Henry at least is happy as he insisted on an early walk and as is now, as ever, gently snoring it off.

The last week has consisted of three major funerals, one more for this week, three lovely Rogation Services, a Rural Deans training day and an outside parish advisory meeting this evening, before Ascension on Thursday, and the standard mountain of paperwork that all needed to be in yesterday (or the day before), the two Wedding blessings on Saturday and a forthcoming Baptism.

I am sustained by the fact that all our devolved parish leadership groups and individuals work even harder, keeping everything running and serving Christ everyday whilst many work full time and have personal workloads and family commitments to cope with as well. We would be utterly lost without them all.

So where is God in all this?

You often hear me rattle on about finding God in the stillness and the peacefulness, the smiles as we greet each other and the moments of

joy in our lives. But as a Rector, I see, more and more, that churches which grow do so based not only in persisting prayer and determination not to let things slip, but in incredible energy and very hard work.

I see Christ in:

Buildings: the dust, paint, scaffolding, endless fundraising and management committees, the fight against woodworm (and spiders in St Mary's), mice and the occasional rat. Historic and heritage advisors and restorers. Builders, plumbers and roofers. Church cleaners. Churchyard managers. Environmentalists, archaeologists (Tetcott and a really friendly one!). Exhibition managers. Wasp nest reporters. Bad-boy club churchyard strimmers.

Administration: Benefice administration/management/everything else as well. Magazine editors, grapevine production, historical research, Genealogists, Church wardens. Council members. PCC members. PCC Secretaries. PCC attendance officers. Safeguarding officers. Safeguarding trainers. Banns readers. Treasurers (hardest job in the world!). School Governors. Meeting Chairs and deputy Chairs.

Community liaison. Mission officers. Ecumenical liaison officers.

Ministry: Worship Leaders. Café Churcher's and (fabulous) cooks. Children's services planners. Transport providers. Chaplains and lay ministers. Service planning and delivery. Worship leaders. Pre-church setting-uppers. Baptism, Funeral and Wedding teams. Inter-team wellbeing and support (yes, this is ministry). Mission Action Plan enablers and reviewers. Cup of tea-ers for the sad, upset and lonely (much more than you might think). Big bell ringers and little bell ringers. Organists. Electronic music operators. Funeral takers. Visitors. Prayer ministry. Candle makers.

This is not an exhaustive list: this is last week in Ruby Country Benefice. Christ's church is built on busyness, activity and outreach: It is built on the work you do, the commitment you make, the people whom you serve, and the Christ whom we all worship. You are the people of God – thank you.

Paul.



May 2026

- 6th Funeral of Martin REDWOOD
(St. Leonard's, Clawton)
- 6th Funeral of Michael BROWN
(St. Peter ad Vincula, Ashwater)
- 13th Funeral of Joan TRENGROVE
(St. Marys, Black Torrington)
- 16th Blessing of Vows of
Karen and Matthew
(St. Peter & St. James, Halwill)
- 16th Blessing of Marriage of
Heather and Chris
(St. Peter & St. James, Halwill)
- 23rd Baptism of Teddy QUICK
(St. Peter & St. James, Halwill)

A Parish Prayer

Loving God, we lift up our parish family to you.
Bless those newly baptised, that they may grow
in the light of Christ.
Strengthen those married in our churches,
that their love may reflect your faithfulness.
And grant eternal rest to those laid to rest,
bringing them into the joy of your kingdom.
Hold us all together in your love.

Amen



June Services 2026

7TH

ASHWATER MORNING SERVICE
BLACK TORRINGTON HOLY COMMUNION
HALWILL MORNING SERVICE
TETCOTT EVENING SERVICE

14TH

CLAWTON HOLY COMMUNION
6:30PM BEAWORTHY BCP EVENSONG

Please note there is NO cafe church at
Black Torrington this month due to the
Parson Jack Russell Art Exhibition
and sale
all day, 12th-15th June



21ST

ASHWATER HOLY COMMUNION
BLACK TORRINGTON MORNING PRAYER
HALWILL HOLY COMMUNION
2PM BEAWORTHY PATRONAL FESTIVAL

28TH

CLAWTON CAFE CHURCH
BEAWORTHY HOLY COMMUNION
6PM BENEFICE INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY AT
BLACK TORRINGTON



Unless specified otherwise,

Services at
Ashwater begin 9:30am
Black Torrington,
Beaworthy, Clawton and
Halwill start at 11am
and Tetcott 5:30pm

Benefice Morning Prayer is
10am every WEDNESDAY
at St. Mary's Church,
Black Torrington

For more information on regular and occasional services,
contact the benefice administrator on 07484 880 770
or email: rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com

Ruby Country Benefice

Lectionary Readings

June 2026

Sun 7th

Trinity 1

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew

9:9-13, 18-26

Services at:

Ashwater, Black
Torrington, Halwill,
Tetcott

Sun 14th

Trinity 2

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew

9:35-10:8

Services at:

Beaworthy, Clawton

Sun 21st

Trinity 3

Jeremiah

20:7-13

Psalm 69:8-20

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew

10:24-39

Services at:

Ashwater, Black
Torrington, Halwill,
Beaworthy

Sun 28th

Trinity 4

Jeremiah 28:5-9

**Psalm 89:1-4,
15-18**

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew

10:40-42

Services at:

Beaworthy, Clawton



Rogation Sunday

People from Ashwater met at St Peter Ad Vincula church on the afternoon of 10th May to celebrate Rogation Sunday. The word Rogation has Latin roots and means to ask or to beseech. It is a time for thinking about agriculture and celebrating our farming community. Christians ask for God's blessing on the land, on the soil, on water, on seeds and on the farming tools.

Years ago members of the community, led by the Rector, Churchwardens and members of the choir would walk around the parish boundaries in a ceremony called Beating the Bounds. This reminded the people, especially the young, of the special area where they lived.

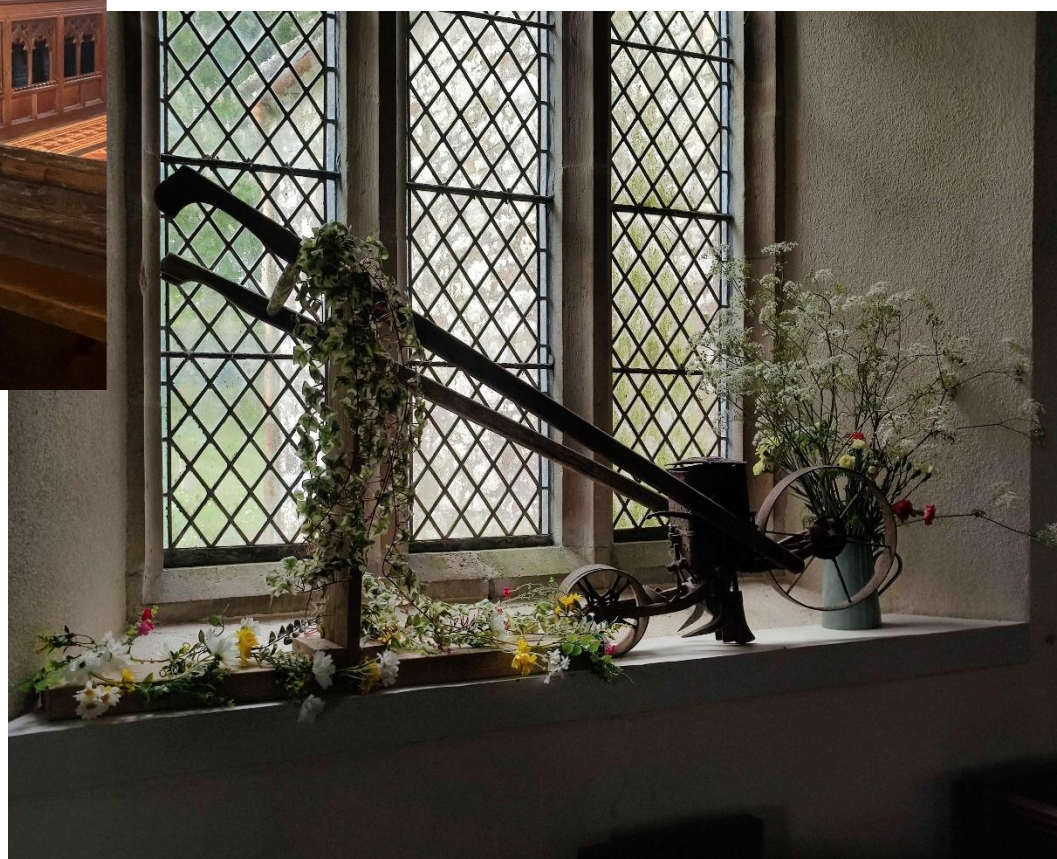


Rogation Sunday

The Rector would lead prayers asking for God's protection for the whole parish community and lands. It was a time for everyone to celebrate the place they called home.

This year, instead of a long walk, St Peters celebrated Ashwater's agricultural community with a special indoor service, a display of old farming equipment decorated with Spring flowers, bunting outside the church and delicious cakes to share.

Liz Martin



Beaworthy news

St. Alban's and Madworthy Methodist Church are joining forces to present a Flower Festival at St. Alban's over the weekend of 21st/22nd June, which is our patronal festival. Together we are reinstating a longstanding tradition of a flower festival at each church in alternate years and warmly invite everyone in the local community with an interest in flower arranging to take part. The church will be open all day over the weekend for viewing and refreshments will be on hand. For further information please contact our churchwarden, Nick Hayes, on 07787 696986.

Richard Prior

Beaworthy Flower Festival



21st & 22nd June
for details call Nick on

07787 696986



St. Mary's Church Black Torrington



What, no
Cafe
Church?!

NO CAFE CHURCH THIS JUNE DUE TO PJR

PARSON JACK RUSSELL
ART EXHIBITION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BLACK TORRINGTON
13TH – 15TH JUNE 2026

Please Note: Clawton still has its Café Church on
Sunday 28th June as these are unrelated.

Parson Jack Russell

Art, Craft & Photography Exhibition

**June 12th -15th
2026**

**St Mary's Church,
Black Torrington**

For more details:

PJR Exhibition

Little Acorns, Burdon Lane,
Highampton, Beaworthy EX21 5LX
Phone: 07484880770

val.letheren@btinternet.com



St Mary's Church

Beetle Drive



Friday 26th June. 6.30pm .
Black Torrington Village Hall
All welcome

BYO drink, Tea and coffee available.

Light refreshments at 1/2 time.

Adult £5.00, Child £3.00

Book with Val 07484 880770

Or David 07502 715303

Raising funds for the roof.

Reg Charity: 1216130

Join us for a celebration service

Sunday June 7th
5pm

At Tetcott church
For the grand opening of our toilet
Followed by a cream tea
All welcome



From the Bulletin Editor.

Firstly, thank you for your contributions, which always shape our Bulletin. **Please make sure you send submissions to rubycbulletin@gmail.com**

Or if you are not in email contact, please send your submission onto your churchwarden in good time for passing along.

Anything not sent to the above email will not get into the publication.

Work begins on the bulletin on the 15th of each month, so please get submissions in **BY THE FIFTEENTH.**

ST. MARY'S RUBY PUZZLERS

Meet fellow puzzlers, puzzle,
chat, donate, loan and borrow!

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY

11AM-12:30PM



Tea and  coffee available

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BLACK TORRINGTON

Ruby Country Benefice

Letting Go, Holding On

remembering our children

Photo by Laura Ohlman on Unsplash

11th October 2026

5pm

**The church of St. Peter & St. James, Halwill
EX21 5UH**

With an introduction from The Right Rev'd Moira Astin, Bishop of Crediton



A service to remember for those of any religion or none - all are welcome.



Domestic Abuse

Here in the Ruby Country Benefice, like many other Benefices throughout the country, we have policies, many of which we often wonder, “Why do we need that? That won’t be happening in our community!”

This month I am focusing on just one of those policies. The one we close our eyes to.

But, yes, sadly it does happen here in our very own rural Ruby Country Benefice. It happens within your village.

There are many forms of abuse, not just the ones that are visible.

People can’t always see what is standing out to others, their love for someone just makes it feel normal or they are too scared to admit to what is going on. It has crept up and gotten more intense. They can’t see a way out. It’s better

just to carry on and keep quiet.

They are just blind to what is happening.

This is when they need a true caring friend to point it out or someone of trustworthiness to help.

To be there and understand, not judge.

Give that safe space.

Each of our PCCs/Joint Council has been through training and is able to offer support. They will be able to point you to the right support team.



Below is our Benefice statement on Domestic Abuse:

Ruby Country Benefice statement on domestic abuse

Policy for Responding to Domestic Abuse

All forms of domestic abuse are wrong and must stop.

We are committed to promoting and supporting environments which:

- ensure that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse;
- protect those vulnerable to domestic abuse from actual or potential harm;
- recognise equality amongst people and within relationships;
- enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently.

We recognise that:

- all forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship;
- all survivors (regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity) have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- domestic abuse can occur in all communities;
- domestic abuse may be a single incident, but is usually a systematic, repeated pattern which escalates in severity and frequency;

- domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse by the perpetrator of the abusive behaviour.
- working in partnership with children, adults and other agencies is essential in promoting the welfare of any child or adult suffering abuse.

We will endeavour to respond to domestic abuse by:

In all our activities –

- valuing, listening to and respecting both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

In our publicity –

- raising awareness about other agencies, support services, resources and expertise, through providing information in public and women-only areas of relevance to survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

When concerns are raised –

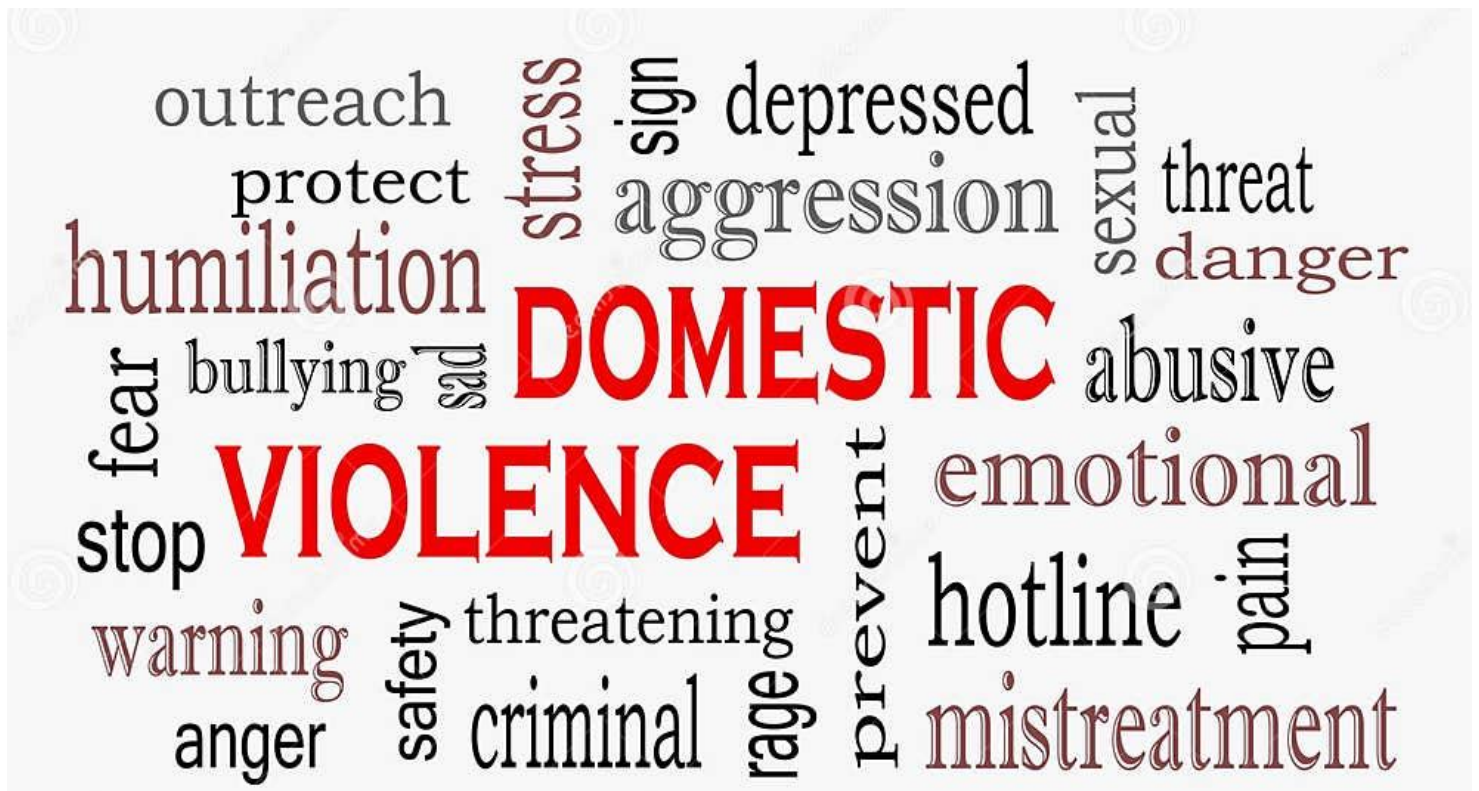
- ensuring that those who have experienced abuse can find safety and informed help;
- working with the appropriate statutory bodies during an investigation into domestic abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community.

In our care –

- ensuring that informed and appropriate pastoral care is offered to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse;
- identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

If you have any concerns or feel you may need to talk to anyone, please contact your Safeguarding officer.

Their details can be found inside the front and back of this Bulletin.



St. Mary's Ruby Ringers, the Sou'westers and the Jigsaw Festival

Two members of the Ruby Ringers, Linda and Shirley, have been members of the 'Sou'westers Ensemble' for just over two years. This team of handbell ringers is formed from members from the SW region, which includes ringers from Gloucester, Hereford, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. [The region also includes Wales but we don't get any members attending the ensemble.]

We meet monthly near Taunton at Staplegrove – a piece of useless information: Jimmy Kennedy, composer of the lyrics for 'the Teddy Bears' Picnic' is buried in Staplegrove churchyard. On average there about 50 ringers, mostly very experienced who play to a very high standard, so Linda and I sit at the back, do our best and learn a lot.

We have made many friends and as the Festival approached we put out a plea for jigsaws. We were donated many, and one ringer bought one of Sally Hill's lovely jigsaw bags. The Sou'Westers' concert was to be held on the Festival Saturday, so Linda and I decided we had to stay at BT [the Festival was booked first!], but to our great surprise, on the Friday four of the Sou'Westers turned up, complete with a jigsaw fanatic mother.

This is what they wrote for the regional newsletter:

Two of the Ruby Ringers were involved in organising a Jigsaw Festival at Black Torrington Church and as we have some jigsaw fanatics amongst us we couldn't resist going along to support them

That's a Puzzle!

Some members of Sou'westers enjoyed a relaxing no-bell day recently.

Two of the Ruby Ringers were involved in organising a Jigsaw Festival at Black Torrington Church and as we have some jigsaw fanatics amongst us we couldn't resist going along to support them and purchasing a few.

And of course there was tea and cake!

Cars that carry bells and foam can also carry a good number of jigsaw boxes!



← Linda and Shirley
with ringing friends +
a mother!

**A view of the
Festival on Friday
afternoon →**



**YOU GO NOWHERE
BY ACCIDENT**

**WHEREVER YOU GO, GOD IS
SENDING YOU THERE.**

**WHEREVER YOU GO, 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.**





Memory Cafe

Madworthy Methodist Church, EX21 5AD
2:00 - 3:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of activities,
community and friendship.

A memory cafe offers practical and emotional support, information, guidance and perhaps most importantly, the hand of friendship to people living with dementia and their carers, in their local communities.

2026 Dates:

Thurs 22nd Jan	Thurs 23rd Apr
Thurs 26th Feb	Thurs 28th May
Thurs 26th Mar	Thurs 25th Jun

Sessions will vary but can include discussion, crafts and refreshments.

For more details,
contact Barbara 07974 109505

  @madworthy.methodist

St. Mary's Weekly Schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed
	14:15 Ruby Ringers Handbells	10am Benefice Morning Prayer 6:30pm Roaming Ringers
Thu	Fri	Sat

Black Torrington

Spoken morning Prayer, 10am on Wednesdays, all welcome.

Weekly Handbell Ringing, Tuesday afternoons at St. Mary's, Black Torrington - 2:15pm setup, practise 2:30pm – 4:30pm



Church Tower Bell Ringing

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm – 8:30pm

1st Wednesday – Langtree

2nd Wed. – Black Torrington

3rd Wed. – Shebbear

4th Wed. – Black Torrington

5th Wed. – Roaming!



Susan SENIOR (nee MASON)

1870 – 1917

I wasn't going to write an article this month. I'm pushed for time, I'm beyond tired and – in all honesty – there's enough else in the Bulletin this month. But something, or someone, was telling me to have a look at graves I've photographed.

Yesterday evening, I wandered the churchyard at St. Mary's, Black Torrington, taking in the peace of the evening, broken only by the sound of my daughter learning to ring the tower bells. I paid a visit to those I'd known, and paid my respects to organist Joan who had

earlier that day joined the others at rest on the hill. So I thought Black Torrington would be the place to look. And I stumbled upon Susan SENIOR, the only SENIOR buried at Black Torrington, and I wanted to know why. And, in the spirit of my discovery, we are going to work backwards.

Susan was the beloved wife of George SENIOR. Originally from Kirk Sandall in Yorkshire, George had trained as a Chemist. He was the son of Thomas Hugh SENIOR and his wife Laura who lived and worked at Kirk Sandall Brickyard, not far from Doncaster.

The family were obviously keen to get out of the Brickmaking gig, as not only George but his younger brothers William and Charles followed into the Chemist business, and we find them operating The Cash Stores in Holsworthy Square in 1901. George is a single, 35-year-old man ready to marry a young Black Torrington girl. His occupation is grocer, chemist, wine and spirit dealer and shopkeeper. His brother William is 4 years younger, and Charles 2 years younger again.

By 1911, George is in Holsworthy with his 40-year-old wife Susan and they have a 20-year-old Holsworthy girl Florence DUNN working as their servant. Brother William had married in the 10 years between censuses, been widowed and returned north, and Charles had returned home to his mother.

The Chemist-shop-tobacconist-grocer went from strength to strength, and one can even see in advertisements from the Cornwall and Devon Post that George even branched out into veterinary treatments.

But their marriage was not to last, and Susan died at Holsworthy on the 16th November 1917 at the age of 46.

Her death certificate indicates she had been suffering for three years with some sort of cerebral (or brain) ailment of unknown cause, but had, in the five days before her death suffered hemiplegia – likely a stroke paralysing half of her body (“hemi”). Her death was certified by Dr. Kingdon at Holsworthy, and no post mortem needed. She died on November 16th, her death registered on the 17th and she was buried at Black Torrington on the 20th.

Susan Senior	Female	46 years	Wife of George Senior (Chemist)	(1) Cerebral Tumour 3 years Cause unknown (2) Hemiplegia 5 Days No P.M. Certified by B. O. Kingdon M. R. C. S.
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From the Death record of Susan Senior (1917)

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Adverts of The Cash Stores in the square continue in the newspapers for a further couple of years, and by 1919, I can find no mention of the shop, nor George. He was not buried with his wife – and I can find no record of his burial available in online catalogues.

HOLS WORTHY

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GEORGE SENIOR. M.P.S., Veterinary Chemist, Holsworthy.

But let's go back to the beginning and flesh out Susan's story.

Susan was born in 1870, the sixth child of eight of Edwin MASON from Bradford, Devon and Mary Phoebe LEACH of Black Torrington.

We first find her in the 1871 census, not even a year old. Living at Burrow Farm in Black Torrington are her parents, Edwin, a 41-year-old father, Mary his wife, aged 41, and sisters Charlott (10), Emiley (8), Elizabeth (6) and Phoebe (4).

By the time of the 1881 census, still at Black Torrington, Emily (18), Phebe [sic] (12), Susanna [sic] (10), and their parents Edwin (50) and Mary (50) have been joined by children James (8) and Eliza (5). Elizabeth has moved out, and – sadly – Charlotte had died aged only 18. She is buried at St. Mary's, Black Torrington.

By 1891, several more children had married and moved out. But family matriarch Mary Phoebe had died in bed suddenly at Burrow Farm. An inquest was held which found no wrongdoing, and Mary was buried at St. Marys too.

Widowed Edwin is not only a farmer but now he is a dealer in flour. He is living with his youngest children in Black Torrington, Susan, James and Eliza.

By 1901, the family have left Black Torrington and moved to Staddon, just outside Holsworthy. Edwin is still a farmer, and he moved with



The grave of Mary Phœbe MASON 1886, mother of Susan. Many of her LEACH ancestors are interred at Black Torrington also.

Susan, James and “Lilly” - which seemingly a pet name for Eliza. Living with them are Mary MASON, Edwin’s 92-year-old single aunt, Charlotte HORN, a 73-year-old widow and a domestic servant, 18-year-old Emma BASSETT from Ashwater. In 1916, Edwin Mason died, also being buried at St. Mary’s Black Torrington.

Jumping around again, as we will cover the MASON-SENIOR marriage last.

So, a quick round up of Susan’s Siblings.

We first encountered Charlotte Gertrude MASON, born at Black Torrington, and died aged only 18 in 1878.

Second sibling was Emily born in 1862. She married Frederick William HOBBS in 1889. This branch – like many of the family – joined the Methodist Church and both Emily and Frederick are buried not far away at Hope Methodist Chapel in Black Torrington.

Next was Elizabeth born 1865 in Black Torrington. She married William NANCEKIVELL in 1889.

The fourth daughter was Phoebe, born in 1867. She married Martin STANBURY, a cattle dealer and farmer of Whitstone in Cornwall in 1892. I’m quite confident the family stayed in the area – possibly to modern times.

Susan was the next child.

Followed by James Edwin MASON, born in Black Torrington in 1873. He married Caroline Eliza Mary GREEN in 1903. James died in 1938 and he and his wife are buried in neighbouring parish Hollacombe in the churchyard of St. Petroc.

The last child was Eliza, born in 1875 and she married William Henry DAVEY in 1903 at Anvil Corner chapel. He was a Cardiff-born Coal Exporter who took his new wife back to Caerphilly and I can last find them in the 1911 census with four Welsh children.

So, we've finally come to the marriage of Susan and George. Noted as "A Fashionable Wedding" in the 20th April 1901 edition of the Cornish and Devon Post, the Simpson Moor Bible Christian Methodist Church hosted the ceremony, having been specially licenced to do so (The Bible Christians being a branch of the Methodist church prior to its unification in the early 20th Century. Shebbear is much thought to be the birthplace of this movement.)

Susan was dressed in French grey cloth, trimmed with Honiton lace and wore a matching hat. She was given away by her father Edwin, and one of her sisters was her bridesmaid, wearing a crème dress, trimmed with lace and silk, and a leghorn hat with plumes and chiffon - a quick 'google' tells me this is a wide brimmed straw hat, and an expression of wealth.

What I found fascinating was that the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. W. R. K. BAULKWILL of Cardiff "brother-in-law of the bride". I hadn't got this sibling down anywhere...

Apparently, Charlotte was not the oldest of the children, Mary Ann, born about 1859 was. She only appears in the census with her parents and Charlotte in 1861 where the family are at West Cliffe, Black Torrington. And Mary Ann, did indeed marry William Robert Kellaway BAULKWILL, Bible Christian minister, Bible Christian Conference President 1904 and sometime Governor of Shebbear College.

Revd. BAULKWILL was such a successful and respected Bible Christian preacher and circuit leader, he was sent to many places

with his family to preach, before finally dying and being buried at Lake Chapel in Shebbear, the “spiritual home” of the Bible Christian movement.

In the last month, I made a personal pilgrimage to Lake Chapel to photograph graves. My ancestors were Bible Christians, and several of them preached, and many distant cousins and great aunts sang in Bible Christian worship choirs on the Isle of Wight. I saw the graves of the early leaders, and, indeed, of Revd. BAULKWILL and was moved by being part of such a rich history of worship, so it was special to find a link to the story.

However, the link is much deeper; Revd. BAULKWILL and his wife and children were sent to lead the Newport Circuit. On the Isle of Wight. Where my family were worshipping.

Despite personally having very few links to the Westcountry, I have found that Susan’s sister and brother-in-law would have spoken to my ancestors, and conducted their baptisms, marriages and funerals too. I wasn’t going to write an article this month. I went for a walk. And became part of the tapestry.

Kay Napier
May 2026

Sources

General Records Office births and deaths

Cornish and Devon Post 17 October 1903 (Lillie marriage), 30th June 1917 (SENIOR advert), 20th April 1901 (Susan marriage) plus browsed other editions.

Findmypast.co.uk

Familysearch.org

Findagrave.com



The grave of Revd. William R K BAULKWILL (1915) at Lake Chapel, Shebbear.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?

Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

Holywell Joint Council	Val Letheren	07484 880 770	rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com
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If you cannot reach your Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact your parish clergy or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

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