

Time to reflect

"I will see and will remember" God says, putting the bow in the clouds. Has that ever struck you as odd? Why would God need an aide memoire? Well, maybe the answer is that God doesn't. But we do. We need a reminder, a prompt, a visual aid that reconnects us with the Divine. Think Spire, tower, cross, church building even, and there is a little bit in each of us that notices and, even momentarily, finds encouragement in our faith journey. Just as the rainbow has, as it were, God on one end and creation on the other, so those ecclesiastical buildings act as a sort of glue between ourselves and the Lord. In a culture that is growing even more disconnected from organised religion, churches (and in Bury, particularly our own Church), have a vital presence.

God "remembers". God is not forgetful, careless or dismissive of us. He wants to re-member us, to put back together our divided selves, to re-join our bodies and souls, to re-unite our humanity and his divinity. Our Lenten journey is time set aside for us to note just how far our inner-selves and our outer-selves have drifted apart. We need to be re-membered and this holy season invites us to give priority to this task, to give space for God to work on and in us, that we might become more like those who live like and for Jesus.

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Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on the Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Group @ Blackburne Hall
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Soup, sandwich and Study Group
	7.00pm	Adult Study Group
	7.30pm	Fabric Committee @ Ashton Rm
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Blackburne Hall
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Book Club @ Rectory
Fri	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert
	4.00pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice

Next week: Second Sunday in Lent 25 Feb

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Adult Sunday School & breakfast
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
6.30pm	Evensong

Quiz Night

On Saturday 17th March the Social Committee are arranging a quiz night. This will be in the Blackburne Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6, children under 11 free of charge. The ticket price includes a pie and peas supper and can be purchased from Keith Sedman (764 8309). Bring your own drink.

Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will be at the back of church. Spot the dog collar! Our monthly parish magazine The Parish Magazine has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the inside of the back page. For further reading please visit the website. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by *Wednesday please*. Tel 0161 764 2452

Bury Parish Church

First Sunday in Lent

18 Feb 2018

www.buryparishchurch.com

We **welcome you** and hope you enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and at times will tell you which page we're on.

We also **welcome children in church**. If your child gets restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church. There are also activity bags at the back of Church.

8.00am Said Holy Communion
President: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 95; Shades of Purple; 118; 93; From ashes to the living font
Motets:

Richard Farrant: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake
Thomas Tallis: If ye love me

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 557; 121; 496
Psalm: 119: 17-32

Canticles:

Ivor Atkins / E.G. Monk

Anthem:

Johannes Brahms: Geistliches Lied

Breaking down walls. Building bridges. Creating shelter. Being God's people in Bury

Cornerstone

Today's Readings

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Genesis (Gen 9: 8-17)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (*Mark 1: 9-15*)

Glory to You, O Lord

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as

He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Shades of purple, shades of blue,
green and yellow, orange, red —
Noah and his family, too,
saw the rainbow overhead.
God, Creator, high above
you displayed your sign of love.

Soon new life was springing forth,
filling land and sea and air.
God, you chose to bless
the earth with the promise of your care —
And your promised love
extends far beyond our human friends.

In the rainbow, you were clear:
every living thing has worth.
You love every creature here
on this planet we call Earth.
God, forgive when we destroy
gifts from you that bring you joy.

May your church begin to see
in that rainbow high above:
We are daily called to be
stewards of this world you love.
Since the earth is dear to you,
may we treat it kindly, too.

Tune : Dix

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord.
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed,
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity,
your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might,
we might transfigured be.

For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
our fainting souls revive;
And at the well your waters give —
our everlasting life.

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

Words by: Alan J Hommerding (B. 1956)

We pray for the recently departed

*We hold before the Lord those who have recently died especially, Barbara Patterson & Susan Waite
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Memorial Anniversary

From March, the anniversary names will be included in the Parish Magazine and not on the pew sheet.

Mary Cook Mair (18), Arthur Trueman (18) Oswald Austin (19), Harold Patterson (19), Evelyn Steel (20), Hilda Critchley (20), Paul Warburton (20), Desmond Stead Turner (21), Alice Whittam (22), Alfred Perkins (22), Mary Cunliffe (22), Olive Slade (22), Edward Whitehead (23), Albert James (23), Jack Leeming (24)