

Time to reflect

On the right (liturgical south) wall of St Peter's Basilica in Rome is a statue crafted by Michael Angelo. It's called the Pieta and depicts a seated Mary cradling the body of Jesus after the crucifixion. It is a moving piece of art. Standing, observing some years ago, what was particularly striking were the numbers of older women (mothers?) who were drawn to pause and stand in front of this powerful statement about the experience of not just Mary but all mothers who have had to bear with the pain and confusion and helplessness which overwhelm when one's child is caught up in the messiness of life.

Mothering Sunday is usually portrayed as a celebration of experienced maternal love. And when that has happened, when, from the breast onwards, a child has received unconditional love and affection, then there is much to celebrate. We should, in Church, shower our love and affection on those whose capacity for love has enabled their children to thrive and flourish.

But we should also, in Church, note three other narratives. We should note those mothers who find or have found the business of mothering hard, unrewarding and constantly draining. And we should remember those, like Mary, who have found all their investment, all their love, snuffed out in life's darker times. And we should, today of all days, remember those who, for whatever reason, have found themselves unable to experience the gift of motherhood. All these women, too, must be held in our prayers.

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	Churches Together in Bury
	7.30pm	Youth Leaders meeting
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Blackburne Hall
	12.30pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Abigail Davies (cello) & Mackenzie Paget (piano). Admission £5.00
	4.00pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	7.30pm	Quiz Night (<i>see over</i>)

Next week: Fifth Sunday in Lent 18th March

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Adult Sunday School & breakfast
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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 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 www.buryparishchurch.com. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by *Wednesday please*.
Tel 0161 764 2452

Bury Parish Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent/Mothering Sunday
11 March 2018

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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: Rhiannon Jones, Associate Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns: Shown on Order of Service
Motets: Shown on Order of Service

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Associate Rector
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Associate Rector

Hymns: 367; 541 (omit*); 591
Psalms: 13, 14 (pgs. 358—360)
Exodus 6. 2-13 (pgs. 49—50)
John 12. 1-8 (pg. 890)

Canticles:
Thomas Morley: Fauxbourdon
Edward Bairstow: The Lamentations

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

Please note that this collect and reading will not be used in the 10am Eucharist—see special order of service

The Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 19: 25-27)

Glory to You, O Lord

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Memorial Anniversary

Please see the March magazine for details of the anniversary names for the coming week.

We pray for the recently departed

We hold before the Lord those who have recently died especially, Beryl Heaton, and Neville Wilkinson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Burial of Ashes

The burial of ashes of Lilian Spanner will follow the Mothering Sunday service in the memorial garden.

Can you please help?

Whilst we have a scaffolding tower erected in the Blackburne Hall, spring cleaning the ceiling will now take place on **Monday 12th March** starting at 9.30am. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church for names. Any help would be appreciated!!

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Quiz Night Saturday 17th March

This will be in the Blackburne Hall starting at 7.30 pm Tickets £6, children under 11 free of charge includes a pie and peas supper and can be purchased from Keith Sedman (764 8309). Bring your own drink.

Manchester Chorale Saturday 24th March

The Manchester Chorale will be commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War in a charity concert at our church on **Saturday, 24th March 2018** at 7:30pm. All proceeds from the concert will go to the Royal British Legion. Tickets £10, concessions £5 can be purchased from The House on The Rock, Bury Tourist Information Centre or on the door.

Bury Parish Church Bake-off?

...well, not exactly. However, we are looking for cake-makers. Would you be able to supply cakes for the Collation Service of our new Archdeacon of Bolton on Sunday 25th March at 3.00pm. Sign-up sheet at the back of Church for names.

John Rutter's Requiem Friday 30th March

Come & Sing: John Rutter's Requiem with Bury Parish Choir. starts at 7.30pm. Cost £5, payable on the door. All proceeds in aid of the choir trip to sing services at Gloucester Cathedral during August 2018.

Black Dyke Band Concert

The Black Dyke concert is taking place on Thursday 19th April at 7.30 pm. Ticket price is £12.00 and 16 and under £6.00 and can be purchased from The House on The Rock coffee/book shop, Bury Parish Church. Telephone 0161 763 7336 or on line from www.buryparishchurch.com/blackdykeband.