

Time to reflect

Graham James' Lent book, "A Place for God", has short meditations reflecting on how a place or the people in a particular place has helped the author glimpse a bit deeper into the ways of the Lord. His carefully crafted words invite me to reflect about my own awareness of God in places and people.

And that's the point of the book. You could read it as a travelogue, a sort of memoir of a well-travelled man, a spiritual memoir even. Second hand news. You could. Or you could encounter it as a holy mirror, teaching the reader to think about his/her own experiences and see whether one could say anything oneself about one's own spiritual life's.

Our first reading, from Jeremiah, makes the same point. Instead of telling someone else's faith journey, Jeremiah says that in the future, people will speak about their own deep sense of being loved by God. Instead of saying "my mother took me to church and I still come" we'd say "I come to Church because...."

And what would we put after the "because..."? Jeremiah says there is a sequence of events that makes our coming to church something that we do for ourselves, not because of what someone once required of us. Firstly, he says, we will experience the grace of forgiveness, a deep sense that, with God, the past is the past. As Christians, we would say that Christ has set us free by his death on the cross. Then Jeremiah says boldly that, free from the millstone of the past, we will be drawn closer to the Lord, we will know he loves us and that, in turn, we will come to know and love him for ourselves. First hand news.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	5.00pm	Office Hour
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on the Rock
	2.00pm	Ministry Team @ Rectory
	7.30pm	Youth Group @ Blackburne Hall
	7.30pm	Intercessors Meeting @ Rectory
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Soup, sandwich and Study Group
	7.00pm	Adult Study Group
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Blackburne Hall
	12.30pm	Armistice Meeting @ Blackburne Hall
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Finance C'tt @ House on The Rock
	7.30pm	Book Club @ The Rectory
Fri	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Fumi Otsuki (violin) & Alessandro Viale (piano). Admission £5.
	4.00pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	7.30pm	Manchester Chorale Concert. (See over)

Next week: Palm Sunday 25th March

8.00am Said Holy Communion

10.00am Palm Sunday service starts in the Blackburne Hall

3.00pm Collation of the new Archdeacon of Bolton
NO EVENSONG

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Bury Parish Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

18 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: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist

President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Ian Mcveety, Priest

Hymns:

499 (omit *); 101; 122; 123; 125

Anthems:

Felice Anerio: Christus factus est

John Stainer:

God so loved the world

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns:

604; 384 (omit vs 2 & 3); 500

Psalm: 34. 1-10 (pg. 385)

Exodus 7. 8-24 (pg. 51)

Romans 5. 12-end (pgs. 945-5)

Canticles:

W. Knvett / William Dyce

John Stainer:

God so loved the world

Anthem: Thomas Mudd:

Let thy merciful ears

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 12:20-33)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a

grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

We pray for the recently departed

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

Burial of Ashes

The burial of ashes of Flo Leeming will follow the 10am service today in the memorial garden.

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

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

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.

Easter Sunday Lunch

Tickets are now on sale from Keith Sedman for the Easter Sunday lunch at £5.00. Get your ticket early to avoid disappointment!

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.

Memorial Anniversary

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