

Time to reflect

Bill Bryson, the American travel writer, talks about his habit of arriving in a new city, having a quick shower and then rushing out to get a first taste of the place, listening to the sounds, breathing in the air (or the fumes). There is a bit of this in today's Palm Gospel story. There's the build-up (all the issue with the donkey), the grand entrance (leafy branches and crowds) and then... then an anti-climax. Jesus pops his head into the temple and then retires to the Travelodge outside.

Don't you think that's a bit weird? The other gospel writers do. Matthew has Jesus cleansing the temple and then having a running argument with the priests before retiring. Luke at least has the run-in with the priests. John has exasperated Pharisees. In Mark, nothing. What's Mark saying?

Perhaps he's saying this; that when we are trying to follow Jesus, what we need to do it to take one step at a time, absorb one aspect of Jesus' life, observe one Jesus-shaped impulse. And that, today, is this; that after a powerful experience (and being surrounded by lots of supporters and encouragers) the best thing to do is to do nothing.

The story of the Passion which we begin today is full of powerful experiences. As we listen to these, perhaps Mark is telling us, resist the temptation to react immediately. Rather, like Jesus, look around, observe and then reflect. Ask where God is, where I am, where God wants me to go or do next? That is enough. As we approach the Cross, one step at a time is quite sufficient.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	3.00pm	Collation Service for the new Archdeacon of Bolton followed by refreshments
	5.00pm	Office Hour
Mon		HOLY WEEK
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on the Rock
	7.30pm	Eucharist and Address
	7.30pm	Youth Group @Blackburne Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Eucharist and Address
Wed	10.15am	Funeral of Veda Conley @ BPC
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Eucharist and Address
		MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Blackburne Hall
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Seder Meal @ Blackburne Hall
	8.00pm	Eucharist for the Institution of the Lord's Supper, foot washing and vigil
		GOOD FRIDAY
Fri	10.00am	Liturgy of the Day
	12—3.00	Messy Good Friday for children @ Church Hall
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross
	7.30pm	John Rutter's Requiem with BPC choir. Cost £5 payable on door.
		HOLY SATURDAY
Sat	9.30am	Easter Baskets @ Ashton Room
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Service
		Next week: Easter Sunday 1st April
	7.15am	Dawn Eucharist (Rectory Garden)
	8.00am	Said Holy Communion
	10.00am	Easter Morning Eucharist with Baptism and Renewal of Vows
	6.30pm	Easter Sunday service for readings, prayer & music.

Bury Parish Church

Palm Sunday

25 March 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: Rhiannon Jones, As't Rector

Hymns:

128; 107; 112 (omit vs 4 & 6); 106; 129

Motet:

Alan Bullard: The Feast of Palms

3.00pm Choral Evensong with the

Collation of Jean Burgess as the Archdeacon of Bolton

Minister: Cherry Vann, Archd'n

Preaching: Jean Burgess, Archd'n

Hymns:

As per service sheet

Canticles:

T T Noble in B minor

Anthem: Thomas Weelkes:

Hosanna to the Son of David

THERE IS NO 6.30PM EVENSONG

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen**

This reading will be read in the Church House

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (*Mark 11:1-11*)

Glory to You, O Lord

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching
Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the
Mount of Olives, He sent two of his disciples and said
to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and
immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a
colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.
If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just
say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here
immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied
near a door, outside in the street. As they were
untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,
"What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told
them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to
take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and
threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many
people spread their cloaks on the road, and others
spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
Then those who went ahead and those who followed
were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the
coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in
the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and
went into the temple; and when he had looked

around at everything, as it was already late, he went
out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 50:4-9a)

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given
me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to
sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning
he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who
are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I
was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave
my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to
those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my
face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps
me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I
have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not
be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who
are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the
Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.

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

We are looking for new PCC members

Our election for the new PCC takes place on 15 April
after the 10am Eucharist. Is the Lord calling you to
serve his people in our parish? Do have a
conversation with Wardens or clergy.

Holy Week Evening Eucharist & talk

7.30pm—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Rev. Peter Reiss, the Diocesan Director of Mission &
Ministry will talk about Fear. Make this Holy Week a
real holy week.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal at 6.30pm

Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples the night
before he died. We invite you, likewise, to come and
celebrate Passover with food and Passover ritual
prior to our Maundy Thursday liturgy. Come join us.

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 Flower Baskets

Please join us in The Bishop Ashton Room between
9.30 and 11.30 - it would be helpful if you could bring
a bunch of flowers with you, and any greenery that
your garden can manage without!

Easter Lunch on the 8th April

Tickets are now on sale from Keith Sedman for the
Easter lunch at £5.00. Please note that this is on the
8th April. Get your ticket early to avoid
disappointment!

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