

Time to reflect

Did you vote? Going to a different polling station for the first time, looking at the names and party affiliations for the first time (since no flyers had come through the door), noting the democratic deficit (not all parties were represented, so the choice was limited), was an interesting experience. When the results across the country came in, you sensed a general sense of apathy, a national uncertainty and a lack of agreed consensus about what our needs are. If you didn't vote, you might have felt yourself vindicated. Voting doesn't matter, as it were.

When the disciples were looking for a replacement for Judas, they decided that the way forward was to vote; to set criteria for candidates (people who had travelled with Jesus in his ministry), to look at their particular qualities and the needs of the movement, to assess their personalities, their ability to contribute to the whole, their capacity to work with others, and then to put it to the vote.

Sometimes we Christians sound as if we live in a parallel universe, where God will parachute in people, solutions, money. It is helpful (if sobering) to see that the community who knew Jesus personally, when confronted by their big decision, knew that the answer lay in their midst. Yes, they prayed. Yes, they framed their debate rightly in terms of ministry. But they worked with and through what God had already given them. They trusted the raw material (Matthias) and believed that God could take him and use him in leadership of their community. They made their decisions. We, too, have decisions to make, for our country and for our church. Let's be adults, take responsibility and join in the decision making.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	11.30am	Burial of Neville Wilkinson's Ashes
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00am	"In-house" @ House on t' Rock
	7.30pm	Worship Committee
	7.30pm	Youth Group @Church House
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	CT in Bury @ Metro Church
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Chetham's School
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Next Week: Pentecost/Whit Sunday 20 May

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Adult Sunday School & Breakfast in Church Hall
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
	<i>followed by refreshments</i>
12.30pm	Baptism of Arabella Keys
4.00pm	Christening Preparation
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

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*

Bury Parish Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter 13th May 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 is a children's area at the back of Church.

8.00am Said Holy Communion

President: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns: on service sheet

Motet:

Malcolm Archer : Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

Preaching : Sheila Beatie (ordinand)

Hymns: 171; 591; 514

Psalm: 139. 1—11 (pg. 402—403)

Ezekiel 36. 22—28(pgs. 538, 539)

Acts 2. 22—35 (pg. 1029)

Canticles:

Herbert Murrill in E

Anthem:

Edward Elgar : The Spirit of the Lord

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 1. 15—17, 21—end)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*John 17. 6—19*)

Glorify to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were Yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are Yours. All mine are Yours, and Yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Dates for Diary

23 May	PCC in Ashton Room
24 May	Book Group in Rectory
25 May	Interfaith Meditation Day @ Mcr Cath
31 May	Corpus Christi Eucharist

Archdeacon's Visitation

22 May 7.30pm at Bury Parish Church

The Visitation is the service at which new Church Wardens are sworn in and all Sidesmen and women receive their charge and duties.

Royal Wedding "Street Party"

St Paul's are holding a Royal Wedding 'Street Party' on Saturday 19th May in St Paul's School. Come and watch the wedding on a big screen while enjoying finger food and fun! Doors open at 11am - come and go as you please. Tickets £5. Please let Rhiannon now if you'd like to go before 13th May.



Thy Kingdom Come

10—20 May 2018

Resources for your personal prayers are available at the back of BPC.

We encourage you to take and to use them in your daily walk

with the Lord. Pray for yourselves, your family, friends and neighbours, our Church and its mission and ministry and for the Christian community in this country and across the world.

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