

Time to reflect

“What does this mean?” ask the bewildered onlookers to the suddenly multilingual peasant Galileans in today’s first reading. Note the question. It is not about the “how?” of the surprising linguistic skills. They ask about the “so what?” of the message.

The answer is offered by Peter. He takes and tweaks part of the prophecy of Joel, making this moment urgent (it becomes “last days”), turning slaves into “God’s” slaves, turning these slaves into prophets. In other words, Peter is saying that there is a new time frame, a new way for the community to understand itself, a new vision for what the community is about. “How long have we got?” “Who are we?” “Why are we here?”

At Pentecost we often fixate on the whole language thing. Peter’s short sermon, his interpretation of that “Pentecost event”, moves us forward. Peter’s sermon asks us questions, makes us awkwardly wriggle because so often we have slipped into confining that event to those people in that story. Peter makes us realise that “those people” are us and “that story” is our story. The questions Peter ask then are our questions now.

“How long?”. Even to ask the question is to give urgency to our work. This is a new time. Letting go of our past is something we have to do. “Who are we?” We are God’s chosen people, the Body of Christ. We need to stand up and be counted. “Why are we here?” We are to tell the world the Good News of God by lives of generous living, unconditional love and endless kindness, lives filled with the Spirit of God, open to Jesus and full of grace.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00am	“In-house” @ House on t’ Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Group @Church House
Tues	7.30pm	Archdeacon’s Visitation
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
	7.00pm	PCC @ Kay Room
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Book Club @ Rectory
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Alla Petrichei (Violin) & Kanakano Mizuno (piano) Choir
	4.00pm	School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Next Week : Trinity Sunday 27 May

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Baptism & Sunday School <i>followed by refreshments</i>
12.30pm	Baptism
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Choral 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

Pentecost / Whit Sunday 20th 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: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
10.00am Parish Eucharist
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: on service sheet
Motets
Christopher Tye :
O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
William Harris :
Come down O love divine

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 180, 182, 187
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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2. 1—13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who

live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15. 26—27, 16. 4b—15)

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke to His disciples: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send

him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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.

Interfaith Meditation Day

25 May at Manchester Cathedral

This Interfaith meditation day will celebrate unity and pray for peace. The day will have periods of silent meditation, a talk and reflection by Laurence Freeman OSB, a Peace Flag Ceremony by the World Peace Prayer Society and input from different faith groups. The day will conclude at 4pm.

Bring lunch. No charge but donations welcome.

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