

Time to reflect

At last we have our hens. Nando, Dixie and Kentucky since you ask. They stand in the run, not as three “friends”, but as a two and a one. We humans recognise this arrangement. “Two’s company, three’s a crowd”. Three, socially, is an awkward number; almost inevitably one person is edged out, excluded from conversation, if only for part of the time. You have to work hard to include everybody when you are a “three”, recognising there are times when you will need to stand back and times when you have to deliberately weave different strands of purpose, preference and personality into the occasion when you are all present.

Today is Trinity Sunday. Over time, the Church has sometimes forgotten from our human experience quite how hard work but how equally how enriching being a ‘three’ is. Sometimes, when we think of God, when we pray, when we worship, we omit the Spirit, talking about the Father and the Son or we speak of ‘God’s Spirit’ and ignore Jesus and so on.

So, one of the great gifts of the doctrine of the “Trinity” is that, like the hard work it is to include everyone in a three-way conversation, we have constantly to think through quite who we think God is and how he wants to relate to us and how we can commune with him. We may start our engagement with God in different places; some are drawn to Jesus, others experience the presence, the Spirit, of God and yet others are bowled over by knowing the Fatherhood of God. The Christian doctrine of the Trinity beckons us forward, to go further in our exploration of God through prayer, discipleship, worship and service. May we, this Trinity season, find new ways of knowing, loving and serving the Lord.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.30pm	Baptism of Oscar Reed & Kaiden Pattinson
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
		Bank Holiday Monday
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	NO Study Group this week
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Holy Communion (<i>see inside</i>)
Fri	9.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by T.B.C.
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
		Next Week : 1st Sunday after Trinity 3 June
	8.00am	Said Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
		<i>followed by refreshments</i>
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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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

Trinity Sunday,

27th 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 with Baptism of Cora Moore
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Ass’t
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 202; 392; 200; 205; 474
Motets :
Pietro Tchaikovsky : Holy, holy, holy
Charles Wood : Oculi omnium

6.30pm Evensong
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 202; 255; 203
Psalm: 1104 : 1 - 10 (pg. 402—403)
Ezekiel 1. 4—10, 22 (pgs. 538, 539)
Revelation 4 (pg. 1029)
Canticles: Ivor Atkins / Edwin G Monk
Anthem : Tomás Luis de Victoria :
O lux beata Trinitas

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 6. 1—8)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3. 1—17)

Glory to you, O Lord

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Parish Lunch

Sunday, 10th June

Tickets at £4.00 available from Church wardens or Keith Sedman

Corpus Christi

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday is known as Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. There will be an extra service of the Holy Communion at 7.30pm followed by a meal out. This service is particularly for those who serve at the Altar as Servers and Lay Assistants, who clean our silverware and prepare the linen but is open to all. Please let Margaret Hutchinson know if you want to go to the meal afterwards.

If you would like to explore being a Lay Assistant or Server, please have a word with the clergy!

Thy Kingdom Come

In the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, we distributed prayer resources (Morning and Evening Prayer, Nine Days of reflection, Prayer Diary). So, here's a few questions; did you use them? what did you think? were they useful? Did you manage to "keep going" for the whole period of time? Did you engage with the Prayer Stations? Were they useful? Is this something that would be helpful for you as well as our visitors?

These are real questions. We would genuinely like to know what would help you. If you would like to tell us (the clergy) privately, that would be amazing. It would help us sense what would be good to offer in the future.