

# Time to reflect

There is something rather sinister about our reading from Genesis this week (see over). God becomes cross with Adam and the repercussions ricochet from Eve to the snake. And for what? For eating an apple, for handling forbidden fruit? Casting out humanity from the Garden of Eden, setting a fiery guard to ensure that they don't return, seems a tad excessive.

In classical Christian theology, this event is called "The Fall" and is seen as the primary separation of God and his creation. In the New Testament, Paul sees Christ as the last Adam (see 1 Cor 15. 45 or Romans 5. 14,15), as the one who finally returns humanity to an innocent state. Because Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, all subsequent humans sinned and die, goes the argument. Christ reconnects us with God and life.

And there is, certainly, a loss of innocence. This is summed up in Adam's awareness of nakedness. This plays into the way in which we make great fuss about our bodies and sometimes we get terribly negative about them. They have come to be seen not as something beautiful but as a source of potential wickedness.

The rest of the Bible can be read as the attempt by God to coax us back into an innocent state. But it can also be read as our struggle, as humans, both gifted and burdened by knowledge, to steer a way through life, finding God as our North Star, the guide and companion by which we negotiate life's complexities, and finally land in God's presence.

## Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.00pm	Parish Lunch
	4.00pm	Christening Preparation
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Office Hour
	6.30pm	<b>Evensong</b>
Mon	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t' Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Group @Church Hall
Wed	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Fri	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Lux String Quartet
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Mission Action Planning @ St John's Bircle

### Next Week: 3rd Sun after Trinity 17th June

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion</b>
8.40am	Adult Sunday School and Parish Breakfast
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist and Sunday School</b>
5.00pm	Office Hour
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

### 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](mailto:bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk) by *Wednesday please*.

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## Bury Parish Church

Second Sunday after Trinity  
[www.buryparishchurch.com](http://www.buryparishchurch.com)

10th June 2018

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 & Parade**  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Hymns: As on service sheet  
Motets:

**Malcolm Archer** : Grow in grace  
**Richard Lloyd** : View me Lord

**6.30pm Evensong**  
Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : Sheila Beatie (ordinand)  
**Hymns: 449; 504; 277**  
Psalm: 37. 1—11 (pg. 389—390)  
Jeremiah 6. 16—21 (pg. 607)  
Romans 9. 1—13 (pg. 949)

### Canticles:

A Mann / Ivor Keys

### Anthem:

**Joseph Rheinberger** : Abendlied

# Cornerstone

We seek to serve Bury by deepening our faith, serving the marginalised, working with our neighbours, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

### A reading from the book of Genesis (Gen 3. 8—15)

The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 3. 20—end)

### Glory to You, O Lord

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" - for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

### Praise to You, O Christ

### Parish Lunch

Today at noon in the Blackburne Hall. Tickets at £4.00 available from the Church wardens or Keith Sedman

## Food Bank Donations

If you could bring just one item (tinned food/ toiletry), weekly, to church for the food bank and put it in the "Bin" in the entrance that would be amazing, holy and an act of true faith.

## Mission Action Planning (MAP)



On Saturday we begin our listening to how God is inviting us to evolve Mission and Ministry here at Bury Parish. We ask you to use this prayer, written by Archdeacon Lund.

Lord Christ,  
thank you for your promise to be with us.  
May our whole lives resound in your holiness;  
May we learn the dance  
that embraces all your people;  
May the rhythm of the Holy Spirit  
move our hearts and minds  
May we learn to sing the song of love,  
breathing all that is you  
into this place of beauty and strength,  
of poverty, and challenge,  
But always held forever as yours, always yours.  
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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