

Time to reflect

One of the joys of our sixth form building was the view—across the roof tops, past Main Road football ground and onto the Pennine, with the majestic Kinder Scout looming over the city. It was not until a former curate of mine went to be vicar in the lower Peak District that I finally managed to walk up to the top. From the bottom, that seemed a seriously long and steep path, almost overwhelming and disheartening from the car park. It turns out that one of the joys from the top of Kinder Scout is the view back across Manchester.

When we face what seem like impossible hills to climb, we can become frozen. Our imaginations can freeze and our hearts can fail. Our first reading, from Ezekiel (see over), is a short poem about facing these sorts of very human situations. Ezekiel was writing at a time when Israel was threatened and bullied by all sorts of competing powers, felt isolated and was struggling to know what to do and where to turn.

In the poem, what we discover is this; God will take charge. His desire is that we discover that real hope. That hope lies not in imagining that simply keeping the show on the road is enough (or the tree continuing to grow, in Ezekiel's imagery) but that God will take what is already present and replant it, nurture and encourage it so that it becomes, eventually, a new space to provide care and support for others. It is a parable of resurrection. It should remind us that, even when faced with overwhelming difficulties, God's actions can bring unexpected and unanticipated new growth, life and joy.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.40am	Adult Sunday School & Breakfast
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t' Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Group @Church Hall
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
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Kell Trio
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Next Week: 4th Sunday after Trinity 24th June

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
12.00pm	Burial of Ashes of Dorothy & Stephen Sedman
12.30am	Baptism of Holly James
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 please*.
Tel 0161 764 2452

Bury Parish Church

Third Sunday after Trinity
www.buryparishchurch.com

17th 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: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.00am Parish Eucharist
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching: Sheila Beatie (ordinand)
Hymns: 406; 590; 368; 451; 591

Motets:

W A Mozart : Laudate Dominum
W A Mozart : Ave Verum Corpus

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 592; 564; 19
Psalm: 39 (pg. 394 —395)
Jeremiah 7. 1—16 (pgs. 607—608)
Romans 9. 14—26 (pg. 949)

Canticles:

William Harris in A

Anthem:

S S Wesley : Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

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

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

(Ezekiel 17. 22—end)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mark 4. 26—34)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a board and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The

earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Dates for your Diary

1st July at 10.30am The Ordination of Deacons will take place at Manchester Cathedral.

8th July at 10.30am

The Revd. Dr. Sheila Beattie, our new Deacon, will be welcomed at our Parish worship at **10.30am**. This will be followed by a Jacob's Meal. Come and bring food and share it at our Parish Party to celebrate this moment in the life of our church



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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.

Family Fun-Raiser

On Saturday 21st July there will be a Garden Party in the Rectory garden. It is aimed at families, with activities for children and a chance for adults to relax. Refreshments will be for sale, but the aim is for a social afternoon, not a specific fundraiser. If anyone can help with any aspects of the afternoon, we would be very grateful. Please let us know what you would be able to offer.

Everyone will be welcome, so get the date in your diary, we hope to invite lots of families with connections to the Church.

The plan is for the event to take place from 2pm to 5pm, if the weather is poor the event will take place in the Blackburne Hall.

