

Mission Action Plan

Here are some attention grabbing headlines in the Diocese of Manchester;

- ◆ Attendance across the Church has dropped by 15% over the past 5 years.
- ◆ A third of our churches have fewer than 35 weekly attendees: 33 churches have more than 100
- ◆ In five years time the number of full time stipendiary clergy available in England will be reduced by around 12%.

These are our diocesan figures. And the diocese has decided that, rather than simply letting things drift, each parish should play a part in reversing that story.

Mission Action Plans (MAPs) are a process whereby the Church can listen to what God is saying to us and respond to the challenges that lie ahead. It does not tell us what we should be doing, give us “magic” answers that will make us feel good or dictate the outcomes we should be looking for.

The place to start **MAP** is to hold up a mirror to our own lives. What is the reality of our life as a Church and how do we follow Jesus? It's a chance to ask all those awkward questions about what we're worried about, what we think are the urgent questions, what are the things we are really keen to do and yet never quite get around to doing? So we are going to have a series of open meetings. Information about these will come soon. Do come. Do bring your questions. Do bring your hopes. Do pray your prayers for BPC.

Whilst we look at MAP, our Reflections will be on pause. Please hold this MAP process in your prayers.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	11.30am	Burial of Ashes
	12.30pm	Baptism of Holly James (RJ)
	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
Tues	7.30pm	Open the Book Meeting @ Kay Room
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	Book Club @ Rectory
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert by Gillian Blair
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Next Week: 5th Sunday after Trinity 1st July

Sheila Beattie is ordained today. Please pray for her

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
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

Fourth Sunday after Trinity
www.buryparishchurch.com

24th 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

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 501; 413; 411; 562; 496
Motets:

Felix Mendelssohn :

How lovely are the messengers
John Rutter : Gaelic Blessing

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns: 555; 201; 523
Psalm: 49 (pg. 406—407)
Jeremiah 10. 1—16 (pg. 611)
Romans 11. 25—end (pg. 951)

Canticles:

David Wright / Gordon Slater

Anthem:

Sydney Campbell :

Sing we merrily unto God

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

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Job (Job 38. 1—11)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without
knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will
question you, and you shall declare to me. Where
were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined
its measurements—surely you know! Or who
stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases
sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning
stars sang together and all the heavenly beings
shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with
doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I
made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its
swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and
set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you
come, and no farther, and here shall your proud
waves be stopped'?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (*Mark 4. 35—end*)

Glory to You, O Lord

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples,
"Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the
crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat,
just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great
windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat,
so that the boat was already being swamped. But he
was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they

woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not
care that we are perishing?" He woke up and
rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be
still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead
calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have
you still no faith?" And they were filled with great
awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that
even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Open the Book Meeting

Tuesday 26 June at 7.30pm; Kay Room

A chance to find out about this great way to
dramatize Bible Stories for School Assemblies.
We are looking for volunteers to get this going in
Bury. Please let Jackie know if you can come (or if
you would like to come but can't on this occasion)
0161 764 2452 or jackieheatonsale@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

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

8th July at 10.30am

We welcome our new Deacon

The Revd. Dr. Sheila Beattie

This will be followed by a **Jacob's Meal**.
Come and bring food and share it at our Parish Par-
ty to celebrate this moment in the life of our
church.

Sign-up sheet at the back of Church

We look forward to you joining us on this
very special day in the life of our church.

Collects from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the
Church of England; Common Worship: Pastoral Services; The
Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects 2000
The New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised Edition)*, copy-
right 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the

Hearing more of the Bible in worship

The PCC decided that, during July and August, we
will trial having the same readings at the services of
Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am and at the
11.00am on Wednesday. The services (Book of
Common Prayer and Common Worship) will remain
the same; it's just the readings that will change.

Recent research has discovered that far too many
Christians simply don't open their bibles at home,
have no sense of how the Jesus story and the Old
Testament connect and look rather blank when
asked about the scriptures. The report said, rather
grimly, that too many Christians were biblically
illiterate.

At the end of the trial (beginning of September), we
will invite response. We will automatically go back to
the usual source of readings until the Worship
Committee have reflected on your response.

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.

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.