

# Mission Action Plan

Of all Jesus' parables which we find in the gospels, the one that makes me squirm most is the parable of the sower (see Matt. 13. 1, Mark 4.1, Luke 8.4). It speaks of the way God is indiscriminate, almost careless, in his sharing of his grace and love. And it speaks of the way in which we give, or do not give, space in our lives to let his love infiltrate our whole existence. It makes me squirm because, reading it, is like holding up a mirror or like, just of a moment, seeing myself as God sees me.

Our Mission Action Planning meetings, into which we are all invited to participate, could do a lot worse than read this passage before every meeting and sit in silence and ponder what the Lord wants us to take from this, how he wants us to flourish, to grow, to feed others, to generate a new generation of seekers of faith, truth and love. And also, to note the ways in which we become distracted and way-laid by the avalanche of cares and concerns which threaten to overwhelm us.

Scholars who know about these things suggest that the sower parables have two parts; the story, which Jesus told and the "interpretation", which is more likely to come from the preoccupations of the early church. This is worth thinking about. Our temptation is to focus on the latter element of the story, the "meaning", to try to seek out the answer to the church's situation. Perhaps, as we go forward, we might instead sit with Jesus' image of God scattering grace and asking ourselves, now, how that relates to how we respond to Jesus' love in our own lives?

## Worship and Activities this week

Today	<b>12.00</b>	Burial of Ashes : Nora Williamson
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Jacob's Feast</b> (see inside)
	12.30	Baptism of Lincoln Sweetman
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Mon	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t' Rock
	1.15pm	Thanksgiving Service for Ray Wight
	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	Marc Murray (organ)
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Wedding</b> Richard Woodward & Faye Nield

### Next Week: 7th Sunday after Trinity 8th July

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion</b>
<b>8.40am</b>	Adult Sunday School meets at The Robert Peel (note venue!)
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist and Sunday School</b> followed by refreshment
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.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
8th July 2018  
[www.buryparishchurch.com](http://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  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

### 10.30am Parish Eucharist and Thanksgiving for gift of a child

President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching: Sheila Beattie, Curate  
Hymns: 6; 475 (omit vs 4); 573; 346; 558

Motets:

### Peter Nardone

I give you a new commandment  
**John Rutter** : Go forth into the world

### 6.30pm Evensong

Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector  
Hymns: 434; 466; 23  
Psalm: 64 (pg. 422 -423)  
Jeremiah 20. 1-11a (pg. 620—621)  
Romans 14. 1- 17 (pg. 952—953)

### Canticles:

Noel Rawsthorne / Raymond Lewis

### Anthem:

**Herbert Howells** :

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Cornerstone

Serving Bury, deepening our faith, caring for the marginalised, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2. 1 – 5)

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 6.1-13)

### Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise to You, O Christ**

**Jacob's Feast** follows our 10.30am service today in the Blackburn Hall today.



We invite all of you, whether you have been able to bring food or not, to join us in our celebration as we welcome the Revd Sheila Beattie, our new curate.

### We pray for the recently departed

We hold before the Lord those who have recently died especially Ray Wight.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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## Team Builders Holiday Club

23—27 July 2018

9.30am—2.30pm

We are having a holiday club on these dates at the beginning of the summer holidays. More information will be coming out soon. Make a note in your diary.

If you might be able to help in any way, please



## Family Fun-Raiser

**Saturday 21st July: 2pm—5pm**

Garden Party for younger families in the Rectory garden. 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.

*Jackie and Julian*

## Hearing more of the bible in worship

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.

At the end of the trial (beginning of September), we will invite response.

