

Mission Action Plan

“Events, dear boy, events”, is what Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is alleged to have said in reply to a question asking what was most likely to blow governments off course. As we know from contemporary political and economic circumstances, all sorts of unexpected events occur and change the expected narrative.

Life is full of “events”. Sometimes we react to all the things that are happening by simply wishing away the real world and wanting our dreams or our imagined past to replace reality. We can spend a lot of energy, mental and spiritual, in this happy space. It is, after all, soothing and restful compared to the harshness of some of the things that we otherwise have to deal with.

One of the things I rather admire in Manchester Diocese’s MAP information (there are spare booklets at the back of Church for those who want to see—or look on the website) is that the authors confront us with cold facts. At least, knowing the reality, we can avoid being seduced by our imagination.

So what cold facts do we need to confront here? One of them is that, since 2014, the numbers attending our Sunday services has halved, according to the stats we keep. You will know many who used to worship with us who have either died or moved away or become unable to travel. It would be great if those who used to come also started to reattend but our primary focus needs to be new people. So one of the questions we need to be honest about is this; what do we need to do to gather new members of our congregation?

Worship and Activities this week

Today	11.15am	Readers Workshop in Church
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	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 <i>The study group resumes in September</i>
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	<i>Lunchtime Concerts resume on 7th September</i>
	4.00pm	No Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.00—	Family Fun-raiser
	5.00pm	More information inside

Next Week: 8th Sunday after Trinity 22nd July

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School <i>followed by refreshment</i>
12.30pm	Baptism of Amelia-Grace Green & Sienna Rose Tryhuba
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

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
15th July 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: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 380 (omit *); 219; 331; 283; 490

Motets:

William Harris : King of glory, King of peace

John Blow : Praise the Lord, ye servants

6.30pm Evensong

Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 493 (omit *); 520; 267
Psalm: 66. 1-8 (pg. 424 -425)
Job 4. 1, 5. 6-end (pg. 408—409)
Romans 15. 14-29 (pg. 953—954)

Canticles:

George Dyson in F

Anthem:

J S Bach : Jesu, joy of man’s desiring

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Amos (Amos 7. 7—15)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (*Mark 6.14—29*)

Glory to You, O Lord

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptiser has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptiser." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and

gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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 contact Dawn or bpc.holidayclub@yahoo.co.uk.



Family Fun-Raiser

Saturday 21st July: 2pm—5pm

BPC is going to host a 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.