

# Mission Action Plan

Last week we thought about the Mission Goals of Manchester Diocese and specifically about the goal of **Growing**. This week we move on to thinking about the second goal, which is **Nurturing**.

Nurturing sounds sort of cuddly, soft, encouraging. And it should be that. Our faith needs nurturing. As a parish we try to offer opportunities to deepen our pilgrimage with the Lord beyond the vital task of offering Sunday worship. People gather to say prayers in church, wrestle with courses, film and ideas in the study group and explore the scriptures in Adult Sunday School. I hope (but I don't know) that people read Christian books, attention to prayers and reflections on the radio, watch Songs of Praise.

We need to constantly inform our faith. And we need to provide opportunities for people to dip their toes into the water of faith. One of the goals in this area needs to be around nurturing new disciples. A church community which is committed to deepening its own faith is much more likely to be attractive to possible disciples. Churches where people are not interested in going further into God are unlikely to appeal to such people. What sort of church are we? are you?

**Nurturing** covers two other areas of life. One is about money, or rather about how we see the resources, including our financial resources. Do we find them a blessing to be shared, generously and prayerfully? St Paul explores this in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Go read.

The other expression is around increasing vocations. Sheila's ordination should make each of us pause and ponder what it is that God is calling me to do. With baptism comes vocation. Is the Lord calling you to a new ministry here in Church?

## Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.00am	Holy Communion
	12.00pm	Wedding Geoffrey Morton and Laura Armit
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

### Next Week: 10th Sun after Trinity: 5th August

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by refreshment
12.30pm	Baptism of Daisymay, Bradley and Brandon Smith
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

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"The biggest human temptation is to settle for too little."

Thomas Merton

### 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.

9th Sunday after Trinity  
29th July 2018

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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 : Julian Heaton, Rector

**10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**  
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Hymns: 467; 286; 318; 528; 443  
Motets:

**William Harris :**  
Come, down O Love divine  
**G F Handel :** Lord, I trust thee

**6.30pm Evensong**  
Minister : Sheila Beattie, Curate  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
**Hymns:** 624; 600; 623  
Psalm: 74. 11—16 (pg. 438—439)  
Job 19. 1—27a (pg. 417—418)  
Hebrews 8 (pg. 1007)

**Canticles:**  
Ivor Atkins / E G Monk  
**Anthem: Christopher Tye :** O come, ye servants of the Lord

Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A reading from the Second Book of the Song of Kings (2 Kings 4. 42—end)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 6. 1—21)

### Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy

enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

### Praise to You, O Christ



### 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.



### Choir visits Gloucester Cathedral

Our Church Choir will be singing the services at Gloucester Cathedral from 7th to 12th August inclusive. They will be staying at Cheltenham Ladies College. Members of the congregation are welcome to visit us, and there are some vacancies at CLC for anyone who might want to join us. Speak to Marc for more information. Many thanks to members of the congregation for their support .