

Mission Action Plan

One of the interesting benefits of having dual responsibility for Bury Parish Church and St Paul's is that you get quite different experiences of life in Bury.

Here, at Bury Parish, I have heard (and shared) stories of holidays, trips out and cultural experiences (theatre, cinema, garden centres). When I listen to the parents at St Paul's, I am struck by a much more constrained set of experiences; that "going to town" means a rare trip in to Bury, not Manchester as I first thought; that meetings friends for coffee is not a financial option; that those things which enlarge our view of the world, painting, film, books, plays, are not even on the radar.

It was when I talked to one of the parents who told me that she never met other adults apart of the weekly term-time social meeting that I began to grasp that poverty comes in all sorts of ways. Poverty is not just lack of money. Poverty affects access to a wider world (transport), ability to maintain contact with others (isolation), impacts confidence and ambition (educational attainment is often low).

What has this to do with MAP? One of the areas that we might think through is how we might make use of our position in the centre of Bury to create a meeting place for isolated people? Not everyone has money to buy drinks in House on the Rock. Not all are parents who need Tiddlers. Is this something which we should explore? Is God calling us to create a centre of compassion, healing and hope for our town?

Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon		Bank Holiday No "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Tues	7.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room Study Group resumes on 7th September
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concerts resume on 7th September with Olga Paily (piano)
	2.30pm	Wedding of Martyn Trippier and Francoise Uprichard

Next Week: 14th Sun after Trinity: 2nd September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by refreshment
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

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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.

*13th Sunday after Trinity
26th August 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: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 578; 469; 316 (Ptl); 419; 530
Motets:

John Rutter :
For the beauty of the earth

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 454; 422; 599
Psalm: 116. 10-end (pg. 498)
Exodus 4. 27-5.1 (pg. 49)
Hebrews 13. 16-21 (pg. 1012)
Canticles: Henry Ley/John Stainer
Anthem: Richard Farrant :
Lord, for thy tender mercies sake

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Joshua

(Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 6.56-69)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus said to the crowd: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Poppy-Making

We are gearing up for the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1 this autumn. As part of this, we need lots and lots of poppies like we had in 2014. If you could help us, there are two groups meeting in the Ashton Room; Tuesdays at 7pm and Wednesdays at 2pm. Do come along. Your help will be really welcome. If you would like to help but cannot make one of these meetings, please see Liz Dyson.

Choir Recruitment

Be a chorister for an afternoon.

Friday, 14 September 2018

4.00pm – 5.30pm Exploring Life as a chorister

5.30pm – 6.30pm A hot meal is provided for all, followed by games.

Could your child be a chorister? Becoming part of this highly regarded tradition affords wonderful opportunities to the girls and boys involved. Choristers receive an all-round musical, social and spiritual education, and are trained through the RSCM's Voice for Life scheme; so far we have achieved a 100% pass rate in these nationally recognised awards.

There are social events, too; trips out, and general fun is had by all, both in rehearsals and in leisure time.

You don't have to play instruments or read music, you just have to be someone who likes to sing. Parents can come along too and, while the children are off exploring life as a chorister, they can find out what being a chorister parent entails. If you would like to find out more, please contact either Marc or Elin