

Mission Action Plan

One of the areas the Diocese asks us think about is entitled "Spreading Spirituality". This sounds like church code; essentially it is about whether we can explore ways of sharing the faith, hope and love that flows from an encounter with God.

First things first. We can, of course, only recognise this as an issue when we know something of that encounter for ourselves. There are lots of different ways of expressing this and lots of different experiences; one person might speak of 'conversion' whilst another a deep sense of knowing the love of God and so on. This is not a game a 'Top Trumps'. The Lord blesses us in all sorts of ways.

What matters is that we are each able to identify the reality of God for ourselves and (this is the tricky bit) each able to say to someone else why our faith and 'spirituality' matters. When we can do that, then we get a sense of why it is that we might want to others to experience what we do. The Christian tradition calls us to share our faith but to so privatise our spiritual lives and we think it has nothing to do with anyone else.

Individual Church tend to emphasise a particular aspect of the spiritual life. We here, at Bury Parish, stress something about the glory and majesty of God. Our building and our Sunday liturgy point in that direction. I suspect a lots of our personal praying reflects that; God as Almighty, Creator, King. Perhaps one of the areas we might explore is at the other end of the spirituality spectrum— spending time coming to know the deep and intimate love of the Lord?

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.45am	Breakfast in aid of Read and talk on The Children's Society
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	1.00-7.30pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock TBC Youth Group @ Church Hall
Tues	12.30pm	Funeral of Margaret Pickstone @ Radcliffe Crematorium
	7.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Funeral of John Constantine
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Philip McCann (Cornet) & Simon Lindley (organ)
	4.00pm	Choir Recruitment Event
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Open MAP Meeting @ Ashton Room

Next Week: 16th Sun after Trinity: 16th September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.45am	Adult Sunday School in Robert Peel (see inside)
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Parade with Sunday School <i>followed by refreshment</i>
11.45am	Battle of Britain Service
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

15th Sunday after Trinity
9th September 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 Parade with Thanksgiving
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Joanne Nicholson from The **Children's Society**
Hymns: 433; 534; 505; 519; 513
Motets:
John Rutter : Look at the world

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Sheila Beattie, Curate
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 449; 428; 404
Psalm: 119. 41—56 (pg. 503—504)
Exodus 14.5—end (pg. 57)
Matthew 6. 1-18 (pg. 785—786)
Canticles: Noel Rawsthorne / Raymond Lewis
Anthem: **Bob Chilcott** :
Be thou my vision

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 35. 4 – 7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

(Mark 7.24-37)

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to

cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ



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Mission Action Planning Open Meeting

This is an invitation to you to step in to the debate about the shape and future direction and priorities of Bury Parish. We invite you to contribute your thoughts and imagination and insight into what God is calling us to do. The Church is organised in a way where all God's children are invited to participate in this conversation. And maybe God has given you unique a vision which we will not hear unless you offer it.

Come and share your hopes for us as we seek to listen to the Lord.

- ⇒ Saturday, 15th September from 9.30am in the Ashton Room
- ⇒ Tuesday, 18th September from 9.30am in Bury Parish Church (access via the Choir Vestry)

Adult Sunday School.

Sunday, 16th September at 8.45am in The Robert Peel.

Come for a drink, a bite to eat and a chance to look at the bible and ask what it means for us today.



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: