

# Mission Action Plan

A couple of weeks ago a speaker from the Children's Society came to talk to us about their work and about the place of children in our society. It made for uncomfortable listening; poverty, abuse, mental health, self-harm and a whole list of other continual negative pressures.

It would be tempting to say that there was nothing new, that we simply collect more data, are more aware of concerns and better at identifying issues. This is tempting but not merely statistically wrong but also theologically and pastorally.

In our Gospel reading Jesus puts a child front and centre. "Imagine" he says, "Imagine life from the perspective of this child". This could be taken as trying to engage with life with innocent eyes, without our egos getting in the way, without relying on our physical strength, our cleverness with words or whatever. Being "Child-like" rather than "childish". It's quite a good way of seeing this passage and there is much there that we could explore.

But here's another way of responding to this image. Jesus knew, they all knew, that children were marginalised, unimportant. Most didn't survive into adulthood. So Jesus challenges them (and us) to see life as too many children experience it; as victims of adult behaviour—domestic neglect, collateral damage in war, playthings of sexual abusers or fundamentalist terrorists. When we see children staring out from our TVs from refugee camps or in war-damaged cities, Jesus asks what our reaction to them is? Would we welcome them?

## Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	7.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
Wed	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	2.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room <i>Week 2 : The Book of Ruth</i>
Thurs	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Fri	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Adam Taylor (piano)
	4.00pm	Junior Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	7.30pm	Concert : Brighthouse & Rastrick Band Concert with Besses Boys' Band

### Next Week: 18th Sun after Trinity: 30th September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School <i>followed by refreshment</i>
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

17th Sunday after Trinity  
23rd September 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: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

**10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**  
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Hymns: 398; 487; 432; 535; 474  
Motets:

**Charles V Stanford :**  
Beati quoram via  
**S S Wesley : Lead me, Lord**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**  
Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : David Foss  
**Hymns:** 395; 434; 628  
Psalm: 119. 137—152(pg. 510—511)  
Exodus 19. 10—end (pg. 62)  
Matthew 8. 23-end (pg. 788)  
**Anthem: Felix Mendelssohn :**  
Hear my prayer

Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in  
you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to  
yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

*(Wisdom 1. 16 – 2.1 12 – 22)*

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproach of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful

death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mark 9:30-37)*

**Glory to You, O Lord**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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## Forthcoming Extra Service

7th October at 3.00pm Pet Blessing

## Parish Harvest Lunch

Sunday, 14th October at 12.00noon. A three-course lunch in served.

Tickets at £5.00 available from Keith Sedman or Church wardens

**HARVEST  
Lunch**

## Concerts

**29 September at**

**7.30pm** : Brighthouse & Rastrick Band Concert with Besses Boys' Band

**27 October at 7.00pm** :

Besses o' th' Barn Band 200th Anniversary Concert



## Explorer Scouts

The Scouts are growing a new group! an Explorer Scouting unit has started! Explorers are not part of our own Troop but will be located in the Wilson Hall and give our Scouts, as they leave, somewhere to move onto. We wish them every blessing.

## Confirmation

The Confirmation Service will take place on 30 September at 6.30pm at St Mary's, Hawkshaw. Please pray for Keira Horan, Charlotte Jackson and Freddie Woodhouse who are to be confirmed.

## Magazine Editor

We are now looking for a new Editor of our Parish Magazine, to take over from January 2019. If interested, please have a word with Julian, Rhiannon, Sheila or one of the Wardens. Thanks.