

Mission Action Plan

I wonder what you make of the Gospel today (see over the page)? How we react to this reading tells us lots about the sort of way we think of God and think that following Jesus looks like to ourselves and others. The passage sets before us two extreme images—self-mutilation and cups of water.

Do you feel your hand twitching, ready to clear our of your life all those things which make you time and again do/think/say things should shouldn't? Is the image of God you carry in your head that of a fearsome tyrant, ready to cast you (this is about you, not other people) into hell fire for something which you shouldn't have done? Is this the God you believe in, believe ought to be preached and lived? And, if you do, have you done a quick limb count recently? If you find yourself drawn to this image, then the bar of acceptable life is clear, is high and is beyond attainment because it is about avoiding all sin and therefore judgement.

Or do you find yourself responding to the image of generosity, to offering a cup of water to the thirsty? It's a rather different image—that God is in the business of bringing refreshment into people's lives and our task is to pick up the clues as to how best to bring hope and joy.

Jesus, like a good Jew, liked offering extreme verbal images so that we can really think about the options. Think of the Camel going through the eye of a needle. Today he asks this; do we think God is about (and therefore the Church is about) sin and judgement or a cup of water?

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.30pm	Baptism of Lexi Constantine
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	7.15pm	Holy Communion followed by the MU meeting @ Kay Room
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room <i>Week 3 : The Book of Ruth</i>
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Trio Volant
	4.00pm	Junior Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice

Next Week: 19th Sun after Trinity: 7th October

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School <i>followed by refreshment</i>
3.00pm	Pet Blessing Service
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

Pet Service

3.00pm next Sunday

Tell your friends.

Bring a pet.

Thank God for our companions



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

18th Sunday after Trinity

30th 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 Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 507; 416; 314; 489; 598
Motets:

John Rutter : God be in my head
William Byrd : Ave Verum Corpus

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 457; 97; 617
Psalm: 120, 121 pg. 513—514)
Exodus 24 (pg. 66—67)
Matthew 9. 1-8 (pg. 788—789)
Canticles : Henry Purcell in G minor
Anthem: John Mundy : Sing joyfully

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Numbers

(Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and

have them take their place there with you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mark 9:38-50)*

Glory to You, O Lord

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

HARVEST Lunch

Parish Harvest Lunch

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

Tickets at £5.00 available from Keith Sedman or
Church wardens

Concert

27 October at 7.00pm

Besses o' th' Barn Band

200th Anniversary Concert

TICKETS £?



Karl Jenkins
The Armed Man
A Mass for Peace

The Armed Man

4 November at 7.00pm

Come and Sing

MARC CAN YOU PUT MORE
MATERIAL IN?

Armistice Installations

Huge thanks to those who invested time and
imagination in installing poppies and other items.
More will be coming over the next few days. Invite
your friends to come and have a look.

Magazine Editor

We are pleased to announced that Marc Murray is to
be our new Magazine editor. There is more about the
magazine in the October edition of the magazine, out
today!

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