

Time to Reflect

What are we to make of tidal wave of accusations of male impropriety, sexual aggression and powerplay against women, some of which is dating back many years? Do we argue that this was “different times” and we should move on? Do we automatically assume guilt or innocence? Do we think that women behaved differently then? The questions are endless. And the danger is, if we feel swamped by the incessant nature of these stories, we will switch off. The answer to my first question can come in many guises, influenced by many voices. Our first reading is from the Genesis and maybe it gives to its readers a bit of a pause, a bit of reflection time, as we try to process this very contemporary and yet timeless matter. What does Genesis offer us?

Firstly, it says this; that humanity, for all our enjoyment of diversity in nature, finds fulfilment not in sex, not in power, not in control but in relationship. **“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”** says Adam, in relief and joy. If humanity is shaped for relationship (and these take many forms, as the bible makes quite clear), we are also shaped by deep mutual respect. In the imagination of the writer, Eve is drawn out of Adam but Adam does not say that she is his plaything. Eve is his equal. Beware those who would say males are superior. That is precisely what Adam does not say. The #MeToo narrative says that the gender imbalance in culture is endemic and needs challenging. Genesis simply argues that women are people too. Those of us males who are privileged to have daughters need to speak up.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.30pm	Baptism of Finlay Mark Green
	3.00pm	Pet Service
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	1.00pm	“In-house” @ House on t’Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room <i>Week 4 : 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 Marie Ratcliffe (piano)
	4.00pm	Junior Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
	2.30pm	Wedding Stacey Griffiths & Thomas Hill

Next Week: Harvest Sunday, 20th Sun after Trinity: 14th October

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Parade and Thanksgiving
12.00pm	Parish Lunch
4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
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 back page. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email:

bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by *Wednesday lease*. Tel 0161 764 2452

19th Sunday after Trinity
7th October 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

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 546 (omit *); 535; 507; 391; 490

Motets: **Herbert Howells** : My eyes for beauty pine
Christopher Tye : O come ye servants of the Lord

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 573 (omit *); 222; 543
Psalm: 126 (pg. 516)
Joshua 3. 7-end (pg. 161)
Matthew 10. 1 –22 (pg. 789–790)
Canticles : Ivor Atkins / E G Monk
Anthem: **Charles H H Parry** : I know my soul hath power

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of Genesis

(Genesis 2. 18-24)

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mark 10.2-16)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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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

Harvest Thanksgiving

On **Sunday, 14th October**, we are celebrating our Harvest Festival. Our donations go to fantastic causes. We welcome gifts of non-perishable items of tinned fish or meat, fruit, vegetables, pasta or rice, cook-in sauces, soup, tea or coffee, biscuits.

Concert

27 October at 7.00pm

Besses o' th' Barn Band
200th Anniversary Concert

Tickets available from House on the Rock



Come and Sing

The Armed Man



10 November at 7.30pm

Come and Sing Karl Jenkin's

The Armed Man.

Rehearsal in the afternoon and evening performance. Flyers at the back of church.

Pet Service

Today at 3.00pm

Tell your friends.

Bring a pet.

Thank God for our companions

