

Time to Reflect

Harvest is upon us! And what wonderful weather we've been having recently (except if you live in Scotland!) to appreciate the beauty of God's creation, the generosity of the land and the industry of all who work to provide the food we need to live and flourish. Unless we live in rural areas though, we can become quite disconnected from nature and develop the tendency to take what we have for granted. It's only perhaps when times of crisis hit, and we revert to panic mode and stockpile for the proverbial rainy day that we give a second thought to the cost of our consumerism.

I heard the phrase recently "The world has enough for our need, but not our greed." That thought, coupled with a ministerial training day at Manchester Cathedral on the theme of, "The Earth is the Lord's", has got me thinking about our attitude as God's people to creation and the way that our lifestyles may or may not impinge/endanger/drain its resources. It all depends on your theology, said the excellent speaker, Dr, Ruth Valerio from the Christian NGO, TEAR Fund. If we think that all matter is essentially evil and is there for our use and/or abuse, then we can burn as much fossil fuel as we like, throw as much plastic in the oceans as we care to and eat as much meat as we'd like until the cows come home (as it were). Matter doesn't matter, because we're all heading to the New Heaven and Earth and this one is dispensable. (This view isn't actually one you'll find in the Bible)

Or if you read Genesis 1 again and see what God thought of his creation- he saw that it was **good**. And not just the human part. The seas, the flowers, trees, animals, stars, sky – all of it was good and right and wonderful. So if God thinks it's wonderful, then who are we to treat it like it doesn't matter (there's that word again) Shouldn't we honour it and moderate our consumerism to that as an act of worship? How much meat do we eat? What cleaning products do we use? What kind of car do we drive? Where do we buy our clothes? Thinking about these things theologically may lead us to changes in our lifestyle. But the least we can do is to reflect on these things this harvest time as an act of thanksgiving to God for his generosity to us.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.00pm Parish Lunch 4.00pm Baptism Preparation 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 1.00pm Funeral of Janice Constantine 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room Film Night
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.30am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Lunchtime concert with Cressida McKay Frith (flute) and Hector Hang (piano) 4.00pm Junior Choir School 7.00pm Full Choir Practice

Next Week: 21st Sun after Trinity: 21st October

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peel
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School with refreshments following the service
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Choral 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

Harvest Sunday
20th Sunday after Trinity
14th 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: As per service sheet
Motets: **Maurice Greene** : Thou visitest the earth
John Rutter : For the beauty of the earth

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : David Foss
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 349; 235; 257
Psalm: 127 (pg. 516)
Joshua 5.13—6. 20 (pg. 163)
Matthew 11. 20—end (pg. 791-792)
Canticles : David Wright / Gordon Slater
Anthem: **Orlando Gibbons** : This is the record of John

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God, the giver of life,
 whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
 by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of
 Christ
 and make us eager to do your will,
 that we may share with the whole creation
 the joys of eternal life;
 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 Amos

(Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15)

But do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal
 or cross over to Beer-sheba; for Gilgal shall surely go
 into exile, and Bethel shall come to nothing. Seek the
 Lord and live, or he will break out against the house
 of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no
 one to quench it. They hate the one who reproves in
 the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the
 truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor
 and take from them levies of grain, you have built
 houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
 you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall
 not drink their wine. For I know how many are your
 transgressions, and how great are your sins— you
 who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push
 aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent
 will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.
 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the
 Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you
 have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish
 justice in the gate;
 it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be
 gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (Mark 10:17-31)

Glory to You, O Lord

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up
 and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher,
 what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to
 him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but
 God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall
 not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall
 not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall
 not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He
 said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my
 youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,
 "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give
 the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in
 heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard
 this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he
 had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around
 and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for
 those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of
 God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these
 words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how
 hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for
 a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for
 someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
 They were greatly astounded and said to one
 another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at
 them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not
 for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began
 to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and
 followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is
 no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or
 mother or father or children or fields, for my sake
 and for the sake of the good news, who will not
 receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses,
 brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields
 with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal
 life. But many who are first will be last, and the last
 will be first."

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

HARVEST Lunch

Parish Harvest Lunch

Today, 14th October at
 12.00noon. A three-course
 lunch is served. Tickets at
 £5.00 available at the back of church.

Diocesan Finance Survey

Each October we are asked to complete an anony-
 mous income survey for the Diocese. This is used
 to calculate our Parish Share. Each regular mem-
 ber of the congregation, over the age of 16, is
 asked to complete this form once during the
 month. For more information, chat to Pat Uden.

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.

Collects from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England;*
Common Worship: Pastoral Services; The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary
and Collects 2000

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