

Time to Reflect

'Unbind him and let him go' commands Jesus. Today is All Saints' Sunday and our chosen gospel is peppered with Jesus reacting to a profoundly sad situation and getting involved in ministry. Jesus 'weeps' at the death of his friend; he directs others, telling them to 'take away the stone'; he prays; he shouts 'Lazarus, come out!'

It might at first seem a strange choice of reading on this Sunday. It makes more sense to hear this at an All Souls' Service. After all, it is about how death does not have the final word. But there are some clues why we should pay attention to what it says, and these clues are hidden in the action in the reading.

Jesus, faced by catastrophe, acts. He rolls up his sleeves and gets involved. He opens his mouth and gets others involved. In other words, watching Jesus here becomes a simple yet powerful lesson in how we, who follow Jesus, might also respond to the situations in which we find ourselves. The vocation of a Jesus follower is to get involved and to call others together so that we can achieve more than we can manage on our own.

And what is the result of that work? If we open the bible and see what happens immediately following where our passage stops, what we read is that those around the empty tomb warmed to what Jesus had done and put their faith in him. Our example of compassionate care, our invitation to others to play a part in ministry even if they are not quite sure where they stand faith-wise, is attractive. Active 'saints' make faith attractive; people can see that faith makes a difference.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	All Souls' Service
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
	7.30pm	Concert : Bury Choral Society
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room The Common Good—week 3
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Chameleon Wind Quintet
	4.00pm	Junior Choir
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.30pm	Come and Sing Rehearsal
	7.30pm	The Armed Man Performance

Next Week: Remembrance Sunday 11th November

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Parish Breakfast in Church Hall
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
11.45am	Civic Remembrance Service
1.00pm	Bard Company (see Magazine)
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

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All Saints' Day
4th November 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: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 232; 224; 230; 220; 227
Motet: **Tomas L Victoria** : O quam gloriosum

6.30pm All Souls' Service
Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: As per service sheet
Anthems:
Edward Bainton :
And I saw a new heaven
Howard Goodall :
The Lord is my Shepherd
John Rutter : Gaelic Blessing

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

(Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 11.32-44)* **Glory to You, O Lord**
When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she

knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Falafels and More

Ghassan and Siham are a Christian family from Syria, refugees to this country but settled in Bury. We can support them to become financially independent. They have the food stall on the market. They need £800 towards initial costs.

All Souls' Day Service

Our commemoration of the Faithful Departed takes place on **Tonight at 6.30pm.**

If you wish a loved-one to be remembered at this service, please add their names to the list provided at the back of church. We do hope that you will not only add names but come to the service too!

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.



Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 11th November at 8.40am.

Tickets at £2.00 available from Keith Sedman or church warden. We welcome donations towards the British Legion.

Open the Book

You are warmly invited to come to see a dramatised story performed by the Holcombe Brook Open the Book team, on **Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Kay room.** This is for anyone who is in any way interested in Open the Book. We want to get a Bury group going to take Bible stories into our Primary Schools. Please come even if you cannot commit to being a regular story teller. We will need supporters to help with props, costumes and other support roles. Participants don't need to be actors, people are needed to hold up scenery and wave props, as well as speak and mime. The evening will include a light supper and drinks. Please RSVP to jackieheatonsale@gmail.com or phone 764 2452