

Time to Reflect

As we have picked our way through the Mission Action Planning material, one of the key tasks has been to ask has been; "What are our values?" In other words, what do we stand for? What would be true about the community, the congregation, of Bury Parish even if the building collapsed?

It's an interesting question, a challenging one. Almost all church communities I have ever been a part of have blended their sense of faith in Christ, fellowship within the Church and loyalty towards one another with an affection for the fabric. The question about "Values" starkly reminds us that what might seem like a 50:50 divide, equally split between the people and fabric, should, in fact, be weighted way over to the faith/community side of the equation. The fabric of the building, if honoured and used well and creatively, is there solely to point us towards God.

On this last Sunday of the Church's year, our readings slide into the "Apocalyptic". The images are of "end times". There are people who would delight in matching contemporary events with the slightly off-kilter images we hear today. But that would be to misunderstand the purpose of this strange form of writing. These are not 'prophetic' foretellings of the future. Rather, in their strangeness, they invite us to imagine a world where God is present, a world where the common narratives of violence and disorder are not the only way of describing what we see.

The people who wrote these texts want to their readers (us) to keep tightly to the God-shaped values we hold in order that others see and perhaps are attracted to the very foundations, not of our building, but of our faith.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.40am	Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peel
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	7.00pm	Publicity Committee
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	No Study Group
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	House on the Rock C'ttee
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Gamal Khamis (piano)
	4.00pm	Junior Choir
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Walking Group

Next Week: Christ the King

25th November

	8.00am	Said Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
	12.30pm	Baptism of Finley McNamara
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	11.15am	Funeral of Jean Aldous

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2nd Sunday before Advent
18th 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

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 450; 605(omit*) 395; 313; 430
Motets:

J S Bach : Jesu, joy of man's desiring
C V Stanford : O for a closer walk

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns: 137(omit vs3); 270;
274(omit vs 2)

Psalm: 95 (pg. 713)

Daniel 3 (pg. 549)

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43 (pg. 794)

Canticles :

William Denis Browne in A

Anthem:

JR Vaughan Williams :

Let all the world

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Daniel (Daniel 12. 1-3)

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 13.1-8)

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be



left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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Community Sponsorship Project



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Saturday 1st December, 2018

£5 entry 7.30PM

Bury Parish Church Blackburne Hall

Advent 2018 - Making Room

Advent discussion group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, beginning on 28th November with the last meeting on 19th December

BPC e-bulletin

Each week we send out an electronic e-bulletin, with news and often a short video. If you would like to receive it and presently don't, please email Julian on julian.heaton_1@outlook.com with the subject heading "MailChimp". Thanks.

Food Bank Donations

If you could bring just one item (tinned food/toiletry), weekly, to church for the food bank and put it in the "Bin" in the entrance that would be amazing, holy and an act of true faith.

Falafels and More

Huge thanks to those who came and read the bible and supported/sponsored Ghassan and Siham, the Christian family from Syria, refugees to this country



but settled in Bury, who are establishing a market stall. Stall now open. Go and have a try!

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.