

Time to Reflect

One of the interesting elements of walking the Camino was to monitor how St James was depicted. Often he was celebrated as a pilgrim; big hat, shell, long coat, walking stick with gourd (water bottle made from hollowed fruit). Sometimes he was Santiago Matamores, St James, the slayer of Moors, shown riding a horse, wielding a sword and riding over slain Moslems. Over time, St James has been valued as a model; what sort of model depended on the needs of the period of history.

So, when Jesus and Pilate enter into a conversation about kingship (see over) different models of kingship are in play. One (the sort that exercised Pilate) was the kingship that swaggered around, with power and immediate authority. Jesus does not deny kingship but, for him, his kingship was “not of this world”. This text leads us, today, to think of Jesus as King. It is a title he acknowledges. Which is fine... until we try to explain to ourselves what we think it means. King of what? ruling how? ruling where?

One of the legacies of this title was the idea that a country, indeed a whole section of the world, could be under the rule of Christ. We see this in the idea of “Christendom”, the Christian West. We still, I think, lament the loss of the idea of Britain being a “Christian country” and sometimes that lament turns sadly and madly to anger at people of other faiths daring to be so up front about their heritage.

Jesus the King? Let’s make this a personal statement. ‘My’ king to whom I submit as his subject and offer my life for him to dispose as he will.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.30pm	Baptism of Finley McNamara
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	11.15am	Funeral of Jean Aldous
	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 The Common Good—week 5
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Confirmation Review @ Rectory
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Salford University Band
	2.30pm	Wedding of Andrew McKenzie and Samantha Deakin
	4.00pm	Junior Choir
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Ceilidh in Blackburne Hall

Next Week: Advent Sunday

2nd December

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

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Christ the King
25th 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: 398; 166; 466; 28; 490
Motets:
Orlando Gibbons :
Great Lord of Lords

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 494; 592; 18
Psalm: 72.1-7 (pg. 434)
Daniel 5 (pg. 715)
John 6. 1-15 (pg. 882)
Anthem:
Sydney Campbell : Sing we merrily

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Daniel

(Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 18. 33b-37)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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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

Parish Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 9 December in the Blackburne Hall. A three-course lunch is served. Tickets at £5.00 available from Keith Sedman or the Church Wardens



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.



The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite you to sign up for daily emails to take the life-changing Christmas journey. Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action to reflect on. Sign up here;
www.churchofengland.org/followthestar

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.