

Time to Reflect

“On the third day” begins John’s first of seven “sign” stories. John is writing in theological code. In the bible, when reference is made to three days (and there is a long, long list of these), the writers are saying this; that it takes three days for us to absorb the God-event; whether it be Abrahams walk with Isaac, Hosea forth-telling the rescue that God promises the Israelites or, most importantly for Christians, the Resurrection.

And this, in John’s gospel, is a Resurrection story. John is telling us, right at the start of his Jesus story, what the effect of encountering Jesus is. He tells it in the journey from a social disaster (failing to honour guests) to a feast so drenched in joy that the norms of life (good wine first, gut-rot second) are turned on their heads.

If this story begins with theological code, it is because it is a theological story. It is, to use John’s word, a ‘sign’, an event which invites us to think beyond the surface and to see the contours of God’s engagement with creation. This Resurrection story announces that when Jesus is present, people experience a life rich in laughter and grace, joy and love; that the silly things which take up and warp our imagination (like being embarrassed for not ordering enough wine) are put firmly into perspective; that the other theological code in the story (a wedding is often used in biblical poetry to describe heaven ‘marrying’ earth) tells us that Jesus is the link, the channel, between God our creator and ourselves, a link which brings new and abundant life.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.50am	Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peel
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	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
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert with Imogen Garner (Soprano) and Fenella Haworth (Piano)
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	3.00pm	Camino de Santiago Talk and meal in the Kay Room

Next Week: Epiphany 4 27th January 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
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*.

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

20th January 2019

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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
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t
Preaching : Sheila Beattie, Curate
Hymns: 90 (vs1-2,5); 341; 418; 305; 87 (vs1-3,6)
Motet : Henry Purcell :
Rejoice in the Lord alway

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 93; 150; 338
Psalm 96 (pg. 469-470)
1 Samuel 3. 1-20 (pg. 207)
Ephesians 4. 1-16 (pg. 981)
Canticles : George Dyson in F
Anthem: Felix Mendelssohn :
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CORNERSTONE

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12.1-11)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*John 2.1-11*)

Glory to You, O Lord

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or



thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and

did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Parish Lunch

Sunday, 10th February at 12.00 noon, served by the choir. Tickets at £4.00, available from the Church Wardens or Keith Sedman

Camino de Santiago

Saturday, 26 January at 3.00pm in the Kay Room
Talk by Julian and Jackie followed by a Pilgrim Meal.
Pilgrim Meal with wine at £3.00.
Please email to Julian to confirm your attendance.

Volunteering for 10.00am

Would you like to join a team of Crucifers for the 10.00am service. Duties are carrying the cross in and out of the service and the gospel procession. Please speak to the Rector if you can assist on some Sundays during the year.

Choir Recruitment

We are recruiting children and adults to join our parish choir. Choir School takes place from 4.00pm on Fridays for those in school Year 3 or 4 (although some do join later) and remain until they finish school or they can remain to sing with the adults on the back row. We are looking for adults too. Speak to Marc, Elin or one of the Clergy.

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.

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