

# Time to Reflect

Jesus, so Simeon points out, will be the cause of the falling and rising of many. In other words, not everyone will respond positively to what he says and does. That is the same for Christians. So let me share with you words from Pope Francis, words that might encourage us all in our contribution to our world.

May our words be seeds of goodness for the world ...  
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.  
Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.  
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters....

You are faithful and trustworthy;  
may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:  
where there is **shouting**, let us **practice listening**;  
where there is **confusion**, let us **inspire harmony**;  
where there is **ambiguity**, let us **bring clarity**;  
where there is **exclusion**, let us **offer solidarity**;  
where there is **sensationalism**, let us **use sobriety**;  
where there is **superficiality**,

let us **raise real questions**;

where there is **prejudice**, let us **awaken trust**;  
where there is **hostility**, let us **bring respect**;  
where there is **falsehood**, let us **bring truth**. Amen.

## Incarnation Cycle

The Incarnation Cycle began on Advent Sunday and ends today, as we observe Candlemas. The crib will come down. "Ordinary Time" starts tomorrow.



## Worship and Activities this week

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| Today | 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       |
|       | 7.30pm Deanery Synod                     |
| Tues  | 1.00pm Mothers Union AGM @Kay Room       |
| 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 Kell Trio |
|       | 4.00pm Choir School                      |
|       | 7.00pm Full Choir Practice               |
| Sat   | 9.30am Morning Prayer                    |
|       | 10.00am Wedding Preparation Event        |

## Next Week: 4th Sunday before Lent 10 February 2019

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| 8.00am  | Said Holy Communion                     |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist with Parade<br>Baptism |
| 12.00pm | Parish Lunch in Blackburne Hall         |
| 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](mailto:bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk) by *Wednesday*.

## Candlemas

Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
3rd February 2019  
[www.buryparishchurch.com](http://www.buryparishchurch.com)



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 **Hearing Loop** for those who would value it.

### 8.00am Said Holy Communion

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

### 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Assisting: Sheila Beattie, Curate  
Preaching : Sheila Beattie, Curate  
Hymns: 207; 238; 241; 360; 94  
**Motet :**

Johannes Eccard :  
When to the temple  
William Byrd : Senex puerum

### 6.30pm Evensong

Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector  
**Hymns:** 211; 238; 207  
Psalm 132 (pg. 519-520)  
Haggai 2. 1-9 (pg.763)  
John 2. 18-22 (pg. 878)  
**Anthem:** Charles Wood :  
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Serving Bury, deepening our faith, caring for the marginalised, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day  
presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi (Malachi 3.1-5)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way  
before me, and the Lord whom you seek will  
suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the  
covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming,  
says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day  
of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;  
he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he  
will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them  
like gold and silver, until they present offerings to  
the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of  
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD  
as in the days of old and as in former years. Then  
I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be  
swift to bear witness against the sorcerers,  
against the adulterers, against those who swear  
falsely, against those who oppress the hired  
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan,  
against those who thrust aside the alien, and do  
not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2.22-40)

### Glory to you, O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the



Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of

Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon 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

## Hate Crime Awareness Week

This week we are invited to think about the way words and thoughts about people who are 'different' from ourselves trip off our tongue. There is a special event in Millgate on Wednesday. Come and visit. And monitor your own 'output' this week.

## Magazine

The February Edition is now available. Do collect your copy today. Please note that the Magazine material will need to be in by the **second Sunday** of each month. Please email your contributions to : [marcm1969@gmail.com](mailto:marcm1969@gmail.com)

## Gloves for the Homeless

The Street Pastors have flagged up that what they particularly need in their work (apart from new members!) are gloves (and socks and hats).....