

Time to Reflect

Today we hear a bit from Jesus' 'Sermon on the Plain'. We are more familiar with Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount' and so to hear the shorter version of the Beatitudes and to hear these balanced out against the woes, comes as a bit of shock. It comes as a shock because we have taught ourselves not to think of Jesus speaking in negative and judgemental terms. We like Jesus to be all cuddly and affirming.

First things first. Speakers reuse material. See Winston Churchill's speeches for details. So we can easily imagine Jesus recycling his main ideas. And we can equally easily imagine that some hearers pick up one thread and others another. We should not be phased by two version of the Beatitudes.

Then we might ponder the 'woes'. Jesus, it appears, has words to say to the rich; satiated with things, relaxed about life's basics, entertained by life's many distractions. Compare and contrast, says Jesus, with those who window shop but never enter, count their pennies in Aldi and, in their depression, find life overwhelming.

Here's a way of thinking about this. Maybe Jesus is saying this; that folks with very little have a deep sense of what is important and valuable and worth looking after? The contemporary fascination with decluttering (see the many TV programmes for details) echoes this spiritual truth; that life is richer when we cease to define ourselves by what we have and learn to practice a life of simplicity, where the things of the Kingdom were to only things worth investing in.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.40am	Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peel
	12.30pm	Baptism of Archie-Dean Martin
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon	9.45am	Funeral of Mavis Rothwell
	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
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert with Nadia Kisseleva (piano)
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am	Church House Storage Clear-up

Next Week: 2nd Sunday before Lent 24th February 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & 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 before Lent

17th February 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 **Hearing Loop** for those who would value it.



8.00am Said Holy Communion
Third Sunday before Lent (p 78)

President: Rhianon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 394; 391; 368; 604; 505

Motets:

Henry Walford Davies :

Blest are the pure in heart

Edward Elgar : Ave Verum Corpus

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

Hymns: 563; 524; 22

Psalm 6 (pg. 351)

Hosea 10. 1-8, 12 (pg.730)

Galatians 4. 8-20 (pg. 977)

Canticles : Charles Stanford in B-flat

Anthem: Henry Purcell :

Thy word is a lantern

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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 God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 17.5-10)

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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 6.17-26)

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son

of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ



Church House Clearing

On **Saturday 23 February** we are hiring a skip and aiming to fill it with the accumulated items from the storage space in Church House. This will involve a serious amount of movement – up and down stairs and carrying. It will be good for the calorie burn. It will also free up lots of space, we hope. BPC, for all its size, has no storage in the Church so this Spring Clean will be really helpful. Can we encourage folks



to come and give an hour or two from 9am?

Dates for your Diary

5th March Pancake Evening

(£2.00 plus donation to Church Urban Fund)

10th March Parish Breakfast

(£2.00 plus donation to charity)

16 March 7.00pm Quiz with meal—Irish Stew

(£6.00)

More information in the March Parish Magazine

11th (St Paul's) Bury Rainbows

RACE NIGHT

28th February @ 7.30pm £3



Race Night

St Paul's School Hall
Porrit St, BL9 6LJ
Pie and Pea Supper
Bring your own drinks

If you want to sponsor a race... £5

If you want to "buy" a horse... £3.

See Jackie Heaton (Sunshine) for more information.