

Time to Reflect

We don't often come across the second creation story in Genesis. Usually we hear the first one, the 'Creation in six days' poem. And the thing that immediately strikes us is that what we are reading is a vision of creation where there is a place for everything and everything has its place. This includes the natural world, the agricultural world and the family. The message is that our environment is not a playground with which we can do what we like. This is God's space and we are guests.

We are guests, but God does invite us to be active participants in our world: we are to draw food from the earth's bounty; we are to learn to pay close attention to the world's rhythms; we are to echo the Creator in our creativity, particularly in family life.

Into this wonderful word painting is inserted a ticking bomb. This is the fruit of 'the tree of knowledge of good and evil'. This is a metaphor, not a real fruit. It is an image about the power and potential of humanity to redirect creativity and imagination to wreck the world. The better known bit of this story, in Genesis 3 with Adam and Eve and the apple, suggests that we have an almost in-built capacity to choose self-destruction. Choice is a tricky, elusive and seductive thing. See Lent for details.

But, for today, before we have arrived at that point, we are left with a vision of perfection, of balance, of flourishing. Let's in-breathe this sense of peace, harmony and potential for good. That's enough for now. That's the world we should seek to build.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	10.30am	Funeral of Cynthia Walker
	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
	7.30pm	Race Night @ St Paul's
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert with Chetham School of Music
	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Manchester Road Baptist Church
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Next Week: Sunday next before Lent

3 March 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
12.30pm	Baptism of Lucy Sanders
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.

2nd Sunday before Lent

24th 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
Second Sunday before Lent (p 80)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 546 (*); 260; 166; 324; 496
Motets:
Ola Gjeilo : Ubi caritas
Percy Whitlock : Here O my Lord

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 258 (T.502); 259; 255
Psalm 147. 13 (pg. 534)
Genesis 1.1—2.3 (pg.1—2)
Matthew 6. 25—end (pg. 785)
Anthem: Orlando Gibbons :
See, see the word is incarnate

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Genesis (Gen 2.4-9,15-25)

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground--then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would

call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 8.22-25)

Glory to you, O Lord

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Getting into Lent

As we approach Lent, now is a good time to lock into your heart what it is that you are going to do to observe this holy season. In BPC, we offer;

- ◆ Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday
- ◆ Ashing on Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Study Groups on Wednesdays
- ◆ Morning Prayer Mon, Thurs-Fri-Sat
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Lent Study Groups

We will be thinking about our Christian vocation through the film "Les Misérables". The course book "**Another Story must begin**" is available from House on the Rock. Keep your eye open for more information.



March Magazine

Our March Magazine is published today. Do collect your copy today.

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)

Tickets available today from Keith Sedman or the Church Wardens

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