

Time to Reflect

Last week we heard the Transfiguration story which featured two key characters from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah (Luke 9). The usual take on these two is that somehow encompass all the ideas we find in those texts; the Law and the Prophets and that Jesus is seen as including them in his own ministry.

Today we hear the familiar story of Jesus spending forty days in the wilderness. Actually, there are three versions of this story; today's (Luke's) and Matthew's are pretty similar. Mark's is much shorter. In the version we hear today, Jesus compresses the whole of the story of Israel into three moments of crisis. His reaction to the same issues that faced Israel show us why we should think of Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promise to create a covenant people.

Jesus is hungry. Really hungry. Hungry like the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh in the desert. Jesus is tested to see whether he would feed himself. No, says Jesus. My call is to feed a world hungry for bread and hungry for food that will sustain the soul.

Jesus is invited to seek power over the inhabited world, to make quick inroads, win quick wins, in his ministry, to give a nod to the Evil One (and cross fingers behind his back). Just as Israel sort ill-judged friendship with Egypt, Assyria and so on. 'Off' he says

And Jesus is invited to become a "Bible believer", to throw himself off a tower, to be a fundamentalist, to live by the Letter of the Law. Nope, says Jesus. Don't hide behind the bible. Stand in front of God.

Worship and Activities this week

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| | 8.45am | Parish Breakfast |
| | 5.00pm | Office Hour |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| Mon | 1.00pm | "In-house" @ House on t'Rock |
| | 7.30pm | Youth Central @ Church Hall |
| Wed | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 2.00pm | Lent Study Group in Rectory |
| | 7.00pm | Lent Study Group in Kay Room |
| Thurs | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10.00am | Tiddlers @ Church House |
| | 12.45pm | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30pm | Book Group in Rectory |
| Fri | 8.00am | Dust Busters |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 12.30pm | Lunchtime Concert with Maria Stratigou (piano) |
| | 4.00pm | Choir School |
| | 7.00pm | Full Choir Practice |
| Sat | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10.00am | Walking Group |
| | 7.00pm | Quiz with Irish Stew Supper |
| | 7.30pm | Bury Choral Society |

Next Week: 2nd Sunday in Lent 17 March 2019

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| 8.00am | Said Holy Communion |
| 8.45am | Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peal |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist with Sunday School |
| 11.45am | Interment of Ashes -Cynthia Walker |
| 12.30pm | Baptism of Joni Lyons |
| 4.00pm | Baptism Preparation |
| 5.00pm | Office Hour |
| 6.30pm | Choral 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.

1st Sunday of Lent

10th March 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

First Sunday in Lent (p 86)

President: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Parade with Thanksgiving

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Hymns: On Service Sheet

Motets:

Philip Stopford : Teach me, O Lord

Richard Lloyd : View me, O Lord

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching : Sheila Beattie, Curate

Hymns: 95; 561; 508 (T.507)

Psalm 119. 73—88 (pg. 505-506)

Jonah 3 (pg.747-748)

Luke 18. 9-14 (pg. 864)

Canticles : Philip Moore :

Third Service

Anthem: William Byrd :

Civitas sancti tui

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 Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Romans 10.8b-13)

What does scripture say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke (Luke 4.1-13)*

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were

over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

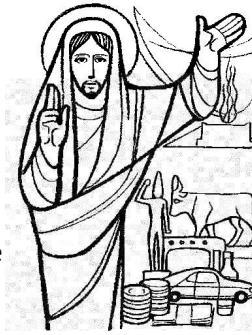
Book Group

7.30pm Thursday 14 March

@ Rectory

"Uncommon Type" by Tom Hanks

If you've read the book or even if you haven't and want to come and out about the book, please come and join us.



Getting into Lent

As we start 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;

- ◆ Morning Prayer 9.30am; Mon, Thurs-Fri-Sat
- ◆ Eucharist: 11am Wed and 12.45pm Thurs
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Lent Study Groups

"Another Story must begin"

We meet on

Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Francis House, Brandlesholme

Wednesdays

2.00pm Rectory

7.00pm Ashton Room.



Quiz & Irish Stew

16 March 7.00pm Quiz

Tickets at £6.00

available today 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.

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