

Time to Reflect

If you wander into the Rectory Gardens, you may well come across Nando, Kentucky and Dixie, our hens. When I see them pottering around the flower beds, I am reminded of our gospel reading today, where Jesus uses the image of himself as a mother hen, desiring to bring a wayward brood back into a place of safety. Hold that thought for a moment.

The Church of England is celebrating 25 years of the ordination of women to the priesthood. As time has moved on, it is easy to forget the journey, the long journey, that this took, easy to forget the pain and sorrow (on both sides of the decision), easy to take for granted what riches the Church finally welcomed, when it welcomed women into the priesthood.

And Jesus, in our passage, describes himself as a mother hen. He recognises in himself the necessary mothering instinct that not all have, to welcome, include and shelter the very group that were becoming increasingly hostile to him. Jesus brings to the table a passionate, pastoral care, not just for his own flock, but also for these awkward, irritating, disruptive crew. Jesus wanted a diverse community.

We need to be cautious about stereotyping, wary of imagining that men work in one way and women in another. We can say, however, that by including women in the ministerial and priestly mix, the Church maximises the potential of the richness of human nature on the level of gender. But, before we become too proud, we still have a long way to go to truly reflect humanity's richness in terms of cultural, ethnic, sexual and disability diversity among both lay people and the ordained. Let's seek to change that.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.45am	Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peal
	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
Mon	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	7.30pm	Publicity Committee
	7.30pm	Lent Study Group, St Francis House, Brandlesholme
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
	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert: Elmet Clarinet Quintet with Rachel Gibbon
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.00pm	Wedding of Natalie Cummings and Anthony McVay

Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Lent 24 March 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12.30pm	Baptism of Olivia Andrews and Aleksander Grzadka
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

2nd Sunday of Lent

17th 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

Second Sunday in Lent (p 88)

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns: 598; 544; 501; 491; 385

Motets:

S S Wesley : Wash me throughly

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

Preaching : David Foss

Hymns: 582; 565; 532

Psalm 135. 1-14 (pg. 521)

Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 (pg.622)

Luke 14.27-33 (pg. 860)

Canticles : William Byrd : Second Service

Anthem: Johannes Brahms :

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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,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *Philippians 3.17-4.1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (*Luke 13. 31-end*)

Glory to You, O Lord

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

And you thought Brexit was convoluted...

Dear all, many of you have been so kind in asking about my future plans and I am now in a position to update you on what is happening. or rather, what is not happening: I will now not be leaving on Easter Sunday as anticipated but will be staying on for a few months more in order to discern what the Lord's will is for my next step. Thank you so much for your patience and prayers and looking forward to hanging out with you for a bit longer!



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"

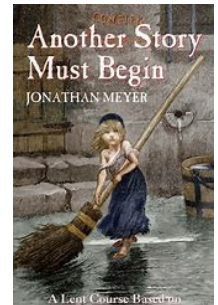
We meet on

Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Francis House, Brandlesholme

Wednesdays

2.00pm Rectory

7.00pm Ashton Room.



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.

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*.

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