

# Time to Reflect

"I know just how you feel". You've probably had this said to you. And you may have said it to someone else. Either way, we sort of know that is both right (most human experiences, from birth to death, are not unique) and wrong (all my experiences are uniquely mine; my joy, my sorrow, my pain). That instinct, to identify with someone going through something which we ourselves have gone through, is deeply woven into our DNA.

And it is from this instinct that Paul opens his second letter to the Church in Corinth (see over). He presents himself as one who has been consoled, loved, encouraged and affirmed and, from that experience, he wants to offer pastoral support and encouragement to this fractious and antsy congregation. "I know just how you feel", in other words.

But... Paul doesn't start with Paul. He doesn't put himself forward as the great example and say, as I and I am sure you will have heard, much to our irritation; "I managed to get through this; be like me." He starts with God. He takes a step back. He asks the question; "who was there for me?"

Listen to how he talks about God. God is..."the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation". In other words, woven into God's DNA (as it were), his nature and character, is the longing to be along side his creation in a way that we can recognise and identify. We have a name for this; Jesus. Jesus is God coming along us, "God-with-us", God consoling us. God, if you like, holding us as a mother holds her child.

## Worship and Activities this week

Sun	<b>11.30am</b> Interment of Ashes—Mike Walsh <i>5.00pm Office Hour</i> <b>6.30pm Evensong</b>
Mon	1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock 7.30pm Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	7.15pm Mothers' Union Holy Communion followed by meeting 7.30pm Lent Study Group, St Francis House, Brandlesholme
Wed	<b>11.00am Holy Communion</b> 2.00pm Lent Study Group in Rectory 7.00pm Lent Study Group in Kay Room
Thurs	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> 10.30am Tiddlers @ Church House <b>12.45pm Holy Communion</b> <b>7.30pm Black Dyke Band Concert</b>
Fri	8.00am Dust Busters <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert with Meraki Duo—Meera Maharaj (Flute and James Girling (guitar) 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>

### Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent 7 April 2019

<b>8.00am</b> Said Holy Communion
<b>10.00am</b> Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
11.30am APCM : Annual Parochial Council Meeting in Blackburne Hall <i>5.00pm Office Hour</i> <b>6.30pm Evensong</b>

### Baptisms & Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. 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*.

## Mothering Sunday

**31st March 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**  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent (p 91)*  
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

**10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector  
Hymns: On Service Sheet

**Motets:**  
**Malcolm Archer** : Ave Maria  
**John Rutter** :  
The Lord bless and keep you

**6.30pm Evensong**  
Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector  
**Hymns:** 382; 98; 626  
Psalm 30 (pg. 379)  
Isaiah 40. 27—41. 13 (pg.575)  
2 Timothy 4. 1-18 (pg. 1000)  
**Anthem:**  
David Halls : Wash me thoroughly

# Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to  
himself: strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (Luke 2.33-35)

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' 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.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

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## Parish Magazine

Our April edition of the Parish Magazine is available today. Copies available at the back of Church. Lots of news items about what's on and planned for your parish church.

The Publicity Committee is looking at the Magazine. We want to know whether regular worshippers

- buy the magazine each month and
- read the magazine.

To help us in our thinking, please let us know. Drop an email into [bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk). Other comments about the magazine and parish communication would be really helpful.

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## Parish Lunch

Easter Parish Lunch on Sunday,  
14th April at 12.00 noon. Tickets  
at £5.00 from Churchwardens



## Is God calling you to be a new Member on the PCC

We are looking for new members to join the PCC. This is not an arduous task as the PCC normally only meet about 5 times a year and this is in the evening. There are nomination forms on the Church Noticeboard or you wish to find out more, please speak to Hilary Ankers, the PCC Secretary or to Julian or Rhiannon or Sheila, our clergy team.

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## APCM

7th April at 11.30am APCM—Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Blackburne Hall. Formal announcement on Notice Board.

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## Black Dyke Band Concert

The Black Dyke concert is taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Ticket price is £12.00 and 16 and under £6.00 and can be purchased from The House on The Rock, Bury Parish Church. Telephone 0161 763 7336 or online from [www.buryparishchurch.com/blackdykeband](http://www.buryparishchurch.com/blackdykeband).

## 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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