

Time to Reflect

In the bathroom cabinet there is a nearly empty bottle of eau-de-cologne. It was my father's. My mother gave it to me after he died. It's a subtle perfume so, to detect it, I had to be near him. When I spray it on (not something I do apart from "posh" occasions and now, less and less often, as it slowly empties) I am acutely reminded of my father, of his presence, of his absence.

The variety of smells in our modern world is much less than in Jesus', so much so that shops will sell us products that pump scent into our houses. The Gospel story, which circles around the subject of aroma, explores the sheer contrast of smells, good and bad, that daily assailed the nostrils of the first readers in a way which we might not fully understand.

The sense of smell telescopes our memories. Just as that eau-de-cologne vividly recalls my father, so the stench of daily living competing with the sweet, pungent smell of nard, will have given those disciples a sort of sensory and memory overload. On the one hand, earthy humanity, in all its wonderful, rich and sometimes slightly tricky aroma, recalled human capacity to do kind acts and immensely hurtful ones and, on the other hand, the fragrant, potent smell of nard, offered a contrast that rather wonderful spoke of beauty and grace and wonder breaking into ordinary life.

Maybe our worship ought to have a 'smell' about it? Maybe that would help us have a sense that we are about holy things and alert us to Jesus' presence?

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	11.30am APCM : Annual Parochial Council Meeting in Blackburne Hall 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evensong
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock 7.30pm Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	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 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Book Group @ Rectory
Fri	8.00am Dust Busters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert with Anna Tulchinskaya (violin) and Carlos Sanchis (piano) 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer

Next Week: Palm Sunday 14 April 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School—the service begins in the Blackburne Hall
12.00noon Parish Lunch
5.00pm Office Hour
6.30pm Evensong

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 by Wednesday.

5th Sunday of Lent

7th April 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
Fifth Sunday in Lent (p 94)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Sheila Beattie, Curate
Hymns: 122; 118; 121; 127; 103
Motets:
Juan de Padilla: Stabat Mater
Thomas Tallis:
Verily, verily I say unto you

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Preaching: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 499 (omit*); 125; 122
Psalm 305. 1-9 (pg. 386)
2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16 (pg.373)
Luke 22. 1-13 (pg. 871)
Canticles: Herbert Sumsion in G
Anthem:
Edward Bairstow: The Lamentations

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 3.4-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining

forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*John 12.1-8*)

Glory to you, O Lord

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

APCM

Today at 11.30am APCM—Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Blackburne Hall.

Parish Lunch

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

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.

Call for Cake!

On 20 April (Holy Saturday) we are hosting an Easter Vigil. We will listen to the great stories of God's love for his people, light the Easter Fire and bless our Paschal Candles. Other Anglican churches are joining together here and the Archdeacon is preaching. After the service there will be a party and we need Cake. All offers gratefully received. Let Julian know.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

We shall begin our 10am Eucharist, on Palm Sunday, in the Blackburne Hall, hearing the Palm Gospel about the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, before walking ourselves into Church, to hear the whole of Luke's Passion Gospel.

Details of services for Holy Week and Paschal Triduum are available at the back of church or pg. 12

Confirmation Candidates

Children (11 and over)/adults not receiving communion? Not baptised? We are hosting a Confirmation here on Pentecost Sunday (9 June) at 6.30pm. Interested? See the clergy today! Must be regular worshippers, available for Sunday morning classes, serious about this step.

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