

Time to Reflect

Easter Day. The Fast is over. We can celebrate with great joy. Chocolate, alcohol, meat. Really? Is that what today means to us? Shouldn't today mean something weightier, more profound, more life changing, world changing?

Luke, as ever, drags us away from (self-designated) important people and plonks a group of women centre stage. He tells the Easter story through their eyes, knowing that their version of the story will carry little weight in the eyes of others, anticipating in this that our being here in Church today will likewise carry little weight in the eyes of our wider family and friends. We, like these women, are both witnesses and objects of gentle mockery that we "still do" Church.

What do the women witness? Luke tells us that they witnessed the empty tomb. In other words, they were alert to the unexpected act of God. He tells us that they discovered through the ministry of strangers (the men in white) that, to find Jesus, you need both to know the story and to learn how to look forwards, not backwards, to look up and out, not down and in. And he tells us that they were bowled over by this. He tells us that they behaved out of character, running, being confident, telling men things, even persuading Peter to go and look.

And Luke tells us this because he wants us to know the Resurrection of Jesus for ourselves. To know how the women felt because that is how we also can feel; alive, empowered, joyful, thankful, excited. Because Jesus is Risen from the tomb and life is simply different. Alleluia.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	7.00am Holy Communion in Rectory Garden
	8.00am Holy Communion
	10.00am Easter Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows
	5.00pm Office Hour
	6.30pm Music and Readings for Easter
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer
	10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Dust Busters
	9.30am Morning Prayer
	12.30pm Lunchtime Concert with Marie-Louise Taylor (piano)
	4.00pm Choir School
	7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer

Next Week: 2nd Sunday of Easter 28 April 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
11.30am	Gallipoli Service
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.

Easter Day

21st 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.



7.00am Said Holy Communion

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

8.00am Said Holy Communion

Sunday Easter (p 129)

President: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Easter Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Hymns: As per Service Sheet

Motet:

Healey Willan: Rise up my love

R Vaughan Williams: Easter

G F Handel: Hallelujah Chorus

6.30pm Music and Readings for Easter

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr

Hymns: On Service Sheet

Readings: On Service Sheet

Anthems: details on service sheet

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 24.1-12)

Glory to You, O Lord

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ



Parish Lunch

12th May at 12 Noon

(£5.00 plus donation to charity)

Please note, for regulars at these fantastic occasions, that May is a MU-cooked Lunch event.

There is a whole parish lunchtime event on 9 June.

May Pilgrimage to Ladywell



Where? What? Near Fulwood, outside Preston, there is a shrine to Our Lady and the Martyrs. It is a Roman Catholic shrine that offers hospitality to Christians of other traditions. A group of Anglicans from Manchester and Chester Dioceses are going on Pilgrimage on 4 May. I've not been and, as our parish, like Notre Dame in Paris, is dedicated to Mary, this might be an interesting visit to make.

The day starts with a procession at 11.30am and ends at 3.30pm. I anticipate it will be rather different from our usual traditions but might open to us something of the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition.

Interested? Let Julian know. Car sharing and picnic.

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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