

Time to Reflect

When you think about today's gospel, which element sticks in the mind? I suspect that most people are drawn to the dialogue between Jesus and Thomas. There is much there for us to think about. To reach that part of the story, we have to rush past the Resurrection Agenda set out for the Church which precedes it. What is that agenda?

What Jesus says can be summed up in four words; Peace, Mission, Spirit, Forgiveness. Let's spend a little time with these.

Peace. Jesus offers a deep centred peace in our hearts. He offers. It is our response that matters. Can we find space and discipline and rhythm in our lives to allow us to take up that offer?

I send you. Our Resurrection vocation is to be a Missional people, intentionally bringing the love of God into the world, intentionally naming Jesus as the reason we are doing what we are doing. Can you, this week, be an "intentional" Christian?

Spirit. Jesus breathes on us. Do you feel that breath? Does her presence fill your whole being? Are you ready to receive the Spirit? Have you asked for this gift in your life?

Forgiveness. The great paschal mystery of the Cross and Resurrection is God's gift of freedom from the past to become the person long for us to be. Knowing forgiveness ourselves and being a channel of its grace for others is our vocation.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	11.30am Gallipoli Service 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 12.30pm Funeral of Sheila Royle with committal at Overdale Crematorium at 2.15pm. 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room Film Night
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Bury Grammar School Communion 11.00am Bury Grammar School Founders' Day Service <i>No Lunchtime Concert today</i> 4.00pm Choir School 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer 11.30am Pilgrimage to Ladywell

Next Week : 3rd Sunday of Easter 5 May 2019

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

28th 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
Second Sunday after Easter (p 137)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Ian McVeety, Hon Asst
Hymns: 135; 159; 141; 141; 162
Anthem: H Walford Davies: O sons and daughters

11.30am Gallipoli Service

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 145; 293; 162
Psalm 16 (pg.360)
Isaiah 52. 13—53. 12 (Pg. 587)
Luke 24. 13—35 (pg. 873)

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away
the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 5. 27-32)

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 20. 19—end)

Glory to You, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he



said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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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