

Time to Reflect

"You have no fish, have you?" An awkward question to those full time fishermen from the guy on the shore. It has a sort of subtext; "Just what sort of fishermen are you?". And then this joker suggests, from the vantage point of not being exhausted from fishing all night and not being discouraged from pointless, cold, hours looking into the black sea, suggests he knows what they don't know. The reaction of the fishermen stems either from sheer desperation ('We'll try anything') or anger ('We'll show this know all').

This Resurrection story (one of five in John's Gospel) echoes some other meetings of Jesus and his disciples. Luke has a Jesus/night fishing story (Luke 5). It sounds like the Upper Room story (see all the Gospels) though with fish. And it has unique bits; breakfast, 153 fish, an awkward conversation between Jesus and Peter.

John portrays the disciples retreating into their comfort zone, going back to their old lives, behaving as if the madness of the past three years had not changed them. He is, as ever, talking to us, noting the way in which we, when we struggle with the things of faith, hunker down, return to our old ways and pretend that all funny stuff has not happened.

And John, in telling this story this way, encourages us by suggesting to us that, if we are to see the Risen Christ, perhaps we should look at what we do every day. Christ can see things in our every day tasks, and in us, and we, when we learn to look, can see him at work in ourselves and in our daily activity.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	11.30am Interment of Ashes : Connie Fletcher 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Tues	7.15pm Holy Communion followed by the MU meeting @ Kay Room
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room 7.30pm Worship Committee @ HotR
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00am Lunchtime Concert with Carsons Becke (piano) 4.00pm Choir School 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer 2.00pm Baptism of Max Foley

Next Week : 4th Sunday of Easter 12 May 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist & with Parade and Thanksgiving
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.

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3rd Sunday of Easter

5th May 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: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 140; 354; 403 (o't3&4); 491; 148
Anthems: Simon Lindley:
Now the green blade riseth
Richard Shephard:
The Easter Song of Praise

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 142; 185; 152
Psalm 86 (pg.455-457)
Isaiah 38. 9-20 (Pg. 572-573)
John 11. 27-44 (pg. 889-890)
Anthem: John Rutter:
Christ the Lord is risen again

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9.1-6)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*John 21.1-19*)

Glory to You, O Lord

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others

of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter



heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the

land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord;

you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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. Tickets from churchwardens.

There is a whole parish lunchtime event on 9 June.

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

Rhiannon on vacation

Rhiannon is on annual leave from 2nd May to 20th May and will see you all when she gets back!