

# Time to Reflect

I am fascinated by authorised liturgy, by the words we use or don't use in worship, the things they say/don't say about God, about us and about what we think our lives are about. For instance, in the Book of Common Prayer, in the Prayer for Church Militant, the writer carefully phrases what he thinks we can say about the departed; we can ask God **'to give us grace so to follow their good examples'**. If you are a devotee of the BCP, Cranmer considered praying for 'those we love but see no longer' heretical. Lighting candles for our loved ones is a waste of time, apparently. Common Worship is more nuanced.

Our first reading from Acts would agree with Cranmer's wording. We are presented with an ideal, a woman, Tabitha (the only woman in the whole of the New Testament to be called a Disciple by the way). The ideal she sets before us, her 'good example', is neatly set out as 'good works, acts of charity' and making clothes. Many is the church that has relied on such women, industriously pouring out their lives for others, generously giving of their skills and talents to make life better. I am sure that you and I can name many such women. Churches should note this ministry, should name and give thanks appropriately. We shouldn't wait till they die.

Our Anglican liturgical language (BCP and CW) draws deeply from the scriptures. One key Easter reading, in Romans 6, talks about "Dying with Christ". Perhaps Tabitha's example reminds us that we should equally seek to 'live for others'? Thank God for Tabithas.

## Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.00pm Parish Lunch in Blackburne Hall 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Mon	1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Standing Committee @ Rectory
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert with Chetham's School of Music 4.00pm Choir School 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am Parish running group 1.00pm Wedding of Sharon Baker and John Crabtree

## Next Week : 5th Sunday of Easter 19 May 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40am	Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peel
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Choral 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](mailto:bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk) by *Wednesday*.

## 4th Sunday of Easter

12th 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**  
*Third Sunday after Easter (p 139)*  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

**10.00am Parish Eucharist with Parade and Thanksgiving**  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Hymns: On Service Sheet  
**Anthems:** Howard Goodall :  
The Lord is my shepherd  
Thomas Tomkins :  
My shepherd is the living Lord

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**  
Minister: Sheila Beattie, Curate  
Preaching Sheila Beattie, Curate  
**Hymns:** 157, 399 (vs 1-3, 5, 7), 514  
Psalm 113, 114 (pg.495)  
Isaiah 63. 7-14 (Pg. 596)  
Luke 24. 36-49 (pg. 873-874)  
**Anthem:** Lennox Berkeley :  
The Lord is my shepherd

# Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 9.36-43)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 10.22-30)

### Glory to You, O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe.

The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to You, O Christ**



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## Parish Lunch

**Today at 12 Noon** (£5.00 plus donation to charity)

*The Mothers' Union has cooked the lunch today.*

Tickets from churchwardens.

*There is a whole parish lunchtime event on **9 June**.*

More details in the May Magazine.

## Adult Sunday School

Gathers at the Robert Peel on **Sunday 19 May** at 8.45am. If you've not joined us before, do come. We drink coffee/tea, or maybe breakfast too, and will indulge in discussion— Nourishment for the body and soul.

## Parish Magazine

Our May edition of the Parish Magazine is available today. Do collect your copy today.

Please note that the **June Magazine** material will need to be in by tonight. Please email your contributions to : [marcm1969@gmail.com](mailto:marcm1969@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Rhiannon on vacation

Rhiannon is on annual leave until 20th May and will see you all when she gets back!

## 9 June: Bumper Day for BPC

*Sometimes all sorts of things coincide on one date. 9 June is one such date. We hope that you will join us in some or all of the activity across the day.*

10am Parade Eucharist

*Followed by Parish Picnic Party*

6pm Confirmation with + Mark