

# Time to Reflect

What do you do when a man walks into church with a hat on? Those of a certain generation may find their reflex is to separate hat and head—or at least indicate that the owner should do so. To be honest, I have never seen what would be the entirely logical reverse, which is to put hats on all women walking into church (see 1 Corinthians 11 for details). Hopefully, we don't do either. To know why, take a close look at our reading from Acts (see over).

It might not read like it but this is a watershed moment. Not merely the stories about Jesus but evidence of the life-changing impact of Jesus has leaked; leaked across what were previously watertight boundaries between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities and Peter is confused. His whole life has been completely absorbed in policing those boundaries, keeping step with God in his daily life. Meeting Jesus, being drawn to Jesus, and now living up to Jesus' call to gather together others is fine in theory ... but now Peter begins to see that Jesus is attractive to people other than his fellow Jews. Peter is now no longer sure whether hats should be on or off. It's very confusing.

Except it shouldn't be, at least for us. For Peter, as the pioneer, this is hard and troubling and complicated. For us following behind him, Peter's costly discovery that Jesus is inclusive of all, should be so much easier. Sadly, often it isn't. We no longer worry about eating seafood but we worry about other boundaries, other differences, and we try to police them. Why? Often, I think, it is because we like control and find Jesus' inclusivity troubling.

## Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.45am	Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peel
	10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist with Sunday School</b>
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	5.00pm	<i>Office Hour</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Mon	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Social Committee
Wed	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation @ St John and St Mark, Walmersley Road
Fri	8.00am	Dustbusters
	9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	1.00am	Lunchtime Concert : Roth Duo with Emma Smith and Sam Rodwell
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am	Parish Running Group

## Next Week : 6th Sunday of Easter 26 May 2019

8.00am	<b>Said Holy Communion</b>
10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist with Sunday School</b>
12.30pm	<b>Baptism of Sadie Rose Williams and Victoria Keenan</b>
5.00pm	<i>Office Hour</i>
6.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

## 5th Sunday of Easter

19th 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**  
*Fourth Sunday after Easter (p 141)*  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Sheila Beattie, Curate

**10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**  
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Asst  
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Asst  
Hymns: 137(prt2); 151; 311; 153; 598  
**Anthems** : Peter Nardone : I give to you a new commandment  
Thomas Tallis : Verily, very I say unto you

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**  
Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching Julian Heaton, Rector  
**Hymns**: 149 (Part 1); 153; 621  
Psalm 98 (pg.471)  
Daniel 6. 6-23 (Pg. 717)  
Mark 15. 46- 16.8 (pg. 835-836)  
Canticles : Bryan Kelly in C  
**Anthem** : Charles V Stanford : Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

# Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 11. 1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also

accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 13. 31-35)

### Glory to You, O Lord

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

### Praise to You, O Christ

## Thy Kingdom Come

### 30 May - 9 June

This season is an invitation to each of us to prayer for individuals, for our families and for our nation, that Jesus be more widely encountered. We will be handing out a Prayer Card. We ask you to think of 5 people you will commit yourself to pray for. Ideally, we ask you to choose people who live in Bury, whose lives you touch regularly.

**Sunday, 9 June 2019**

### Day of Pentecost

**10.00am Parade Service** followed by fun and fellowship in the Rectory gardens.

Refreshments and lunch on sale.

**6.30pm Confirmation Service** led by Bishop Mark. Please pray for those who are to be confirmed.

### Brass Band Concert

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm**

### ELLAND SILVER BAND

Championship Band and Red Admiral Music Academy.

Tickets available from The House on the Rock.



### 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.

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