

Time to Reflect

'Do you want to be made well?' Well, there's a question. Who, in their right mind, would not want to be made well? Even framing the question like that poses another question; if this man has been poorly for 38 years, with, let us assume, a physical ailment, will his mind be in the right place? Illness, physical or mental, is a strange thing and often helps us define who we are. We almost say "I am my illness".

In Monty Python's film "Life of Brian", Michael Palin plays an "ex-leper". He complains that "one minute I was a leper with a trade, the next minute my livelihood's gone". It's a very neat and perceptive insight into the conversation Jesus has with the man in today's reading. Jesus offers to cure him. The man himself is ambivalent; to be cured is, to use Python's word, to lose his livelihood. After 38 years begging, he probably is not in a good place to learn a new trade. You can understand his uncertainty over Jesus' offer. There's a cost to healing.

So let's flip the question and ask it of ourselves; "do I want to be cured?" Or, perhaps, "do I want to be made whole?" Many of us quite like the descriptions we use about ourselves; weary, busy, old, under-educated and so on. We put up these words as a protective screen, to avoid having to ask whether we are where God wants us to be. "Poor me", we think. Or, in a passive aggressive way, use these ideas to bat away the invitation to continue to grow, to flourish, to mature; "leave me as I am". Which is the same answer our man gives to Jesus. Why, when Jesus offers life in its fulness, would we not want it?

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.30pm Baptism of Sadie Rose Williams and Victoria Keenan <i>5.00pm Office Hour</i>
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Tues	10.00am Funeral of Terry Higgins
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room 7.30pm PCC Meeting @ House on the Rock

Ascension Day

Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12 Noon Midday Prayers 12.45pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Sung Eucharist
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12 Noon Midday Prayers 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert : Salford Keys with Emily Wilson (clarinet) and Carlos Sanchi (piano) 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am Parish Running Group 12 Noon Midday Prayers

Next Week : 7th Sunday of Easter 2 June 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
<i>5.00pm Office Hour</i>
6.30pm Evensong

6th Sunday of Easter

26th 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
Fifth Sunday after Easter (p 142)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Hymns: 449; 174; 534; 321; 612
Anthems : Philip Wilby : If ye love me
Philip Stopford : Ave Verum corpus

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Minister : Sheila Beattie, Curate
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Hymns: TBC
Psalm 126, 127 (pg.471)
Zephaniah 3. 14-end (Pg. 762)
Matthew 28. 1-10, 16-end (pg.813)
Anthem : Percy Whitlock : He is risen

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 16.9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 5.1-9)*

Glory to You, O Lord

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 2019

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.

We need cakes for this event.... And helpers, please

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.

Pastoral Care Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Care meeting on the evening of Monday 3rd June, at 7.00 pm in the Bishop Ashton Room to have a long overdue catch up and look at what we can be doing in 2019. If you are interested and wish to join us, please do come along.

Brass Band Concert

8th June 2019 at 7.30pm

ELLAND SILVER BAND

Championship Band and Red Admiral Music Academy.

Tickets available from The House on the Rock.



Can you help?

An important part of our Liturgy of the Eucharist is the **Offertory**, in which God's people offer Him



their selves, symbolized by the bread, wine, and money as the fruits of human labour. We need members of our congregation to help in the procession of bread and wine. Pat Webber would

value if you would join occasionally in this ministry.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Performances of this are to take place in the Rectory Gardens between 16th to 18th August. Pat Webber is seeking volunteers to help serve refreshments.

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