

Time to Reflect

Golly, that first reading is long. If you stick with it, you may recognise that you sort of know it; Paul healing the slave girl (a sort of talking horoscope) and being thrown into prison for his pains; then a miraculous earthquake, miraculous in that a] no one is hurt, b] Paul and Silas are free and c] the prison warden comes to faith in Jesus. It's the stuff of children's versions of the bible, full of encouraging examples. Read the story and feel positive over God's care for his people.

This Sunday could almost be called "Thy Kingdom Come" Sunday. We are in the middle of this period when we should be praying for and telling others about Jesus. Flip back to the first sentence and read it again.... Did you notice that little word "we"? We read this story because the author of this passage (Luke) witnessed it and wanted to share what he saw. Being Luke, he thought about what he saw and shapes the story so that it is memorable and encouraging and inspiring. It's a long story but we stick with it because we want to know what happens next.

If you're reading this, at some point you also will have been a witness to God's gracious presence in the life of people (hopefully including yourself). So here's the challenge and the invitation; do you have a story to tell? do you ever tell that story? Have you practiced it so that others want to know what happened next? And, if not a story per se, does your life buzz with the freedom Jesus offers you?

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evensong
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 12 Noon Midday Prayers 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock 7.00pm Pastoral Care @ Ashton Room
Tues	12 Noon Midday Prayers 7.15pm Holy Communion followed by the MU meeting @ Kay Room
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 12 Noon Midday Prayers 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12 Noon Midday Prayers 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12 Noon Midday Prayers 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert : Kell Trio 4.00pm Junior Choir Practice 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am Parish Running Group 10.00am BPC Walking Group—Chorley 12 Noon Midday Prayers 7.30pm Elland Band Concert

Next Week : 7th Sunday of Easter

9 June 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Parade and Thanksgiving Parish Party & Lunch
4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Confirmation Service

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.

7th Sunday of Easter

2nd June 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

Sunday after Ascension Day (p 146)

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Ian McVeety, Hon Ass't

Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns:

Anthems : Henry Purcell :

O God, the King of Glory

John Rutter : Go forth into the world

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Minister : Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns:

Psalm 68 . 1-13, 18-19 (Pg. 426)

Isaiah 44. 1-8 (Pg. 579)

Ephesians 4. 7-16 (pg.981)

Anthem : Ernest Walker :

I will lift up my eyes

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is
gone before, who is alive and 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 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following

these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *John 17. 20 - end*

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus said "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent

me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

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.

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