

Time to Reflect

“So what?” There is a bit of me which rather likes a “so what?” in a sermon. Yes, it’s interesting to learn about things; yes, it’s inspiring to be inspired; yes, it’s moving to be touched by a spiritual insight. All the above matter and should be part of our preachers’ armoury. But there is just something so powerful that says, at the end “this is what you can do with all these words”, something to take out with us when we hear the command “Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord”, something to which we can say boldly and joyfully, “In the name of Christ. Amen.” Today, Pentecost, we hear the outpouring of the Spirit, hear that amazing litany of language groups who hear the good news of God’s love in the story of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. And often, for good reasons, the reading stops there in church.

It’s a lot to take in, enough to deal with. It doesn’t, though, in Luke’s story-telling. He goes on. He has Peter trying to tell the folks, who have just experienced something out of their usual comfort zone, what it all means and what they should do about it. Peter preaches a “sort what” sermon.

What does he say? He says that God is in the business of blessing his creation, offering the gift of his Spirit. God longs to reconnect with us, to refresh our friendship with him. God invites us to call on him. What is the “So what?” for us and for our church? It is this; if we want this to be true for ourselves, we also must seek urgently and actively for God’s renewing Spirit. We pray “Come, Holy Spirit.”

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Parade and Thanksgiving Parish Party & Lunch <i>4.00pm</i> Baptism Preparation <i>5.00pm</i> Office Hour 6.30pm Confirmation with +Mark
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>1.00pm</i> “In-house” @ House on t’Rock <i>7.30pm</i> PCC @ Ashton Room
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion <i>7.00pm</i> Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>10.00am</i> Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	<i>8.00am</i> Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer <i>12.30pm</i> Lunchtime Concert : Neil Crossland (piano) <i>4.00pm</i> Junior Choir Practice <i>7.00pm</i> Full Choir Practice
Sat	<i>9.00am</i> Parish Running Group

Next Week : Trinity Sunday 16 June 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
<i>8.45am</i> Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peal
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
<i>5.00pm</i> 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 by Wednesday.

Pentecost

9th 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
Whitsunday (p 147)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist, with Parade and Welcome for those exploring baptism
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Special Order of Service
Anthems :
Grayston Ives : Listen sweet dove
Thomas Tallis : If ye love me
Christopher Tye : O Holy Spirit

6.30pm Confirmation Service with + Mark (Bishop of Bolton)
Special Order of Service

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

O God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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 2.1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's

deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(John 14.8-17)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 2019

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

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

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Our June edition of the Parish Magazine is available today. Do collect your copy. Please note that the Magazine material will need to be in by tonight. Please email your contributions to :
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