Today we rejoice with Sheila as she begins her ministry among us as a priest. She will learn that people will assume all sorts of things; that she will have knowledge about the faith, about worship, about the church. Actually, like most of us, she will have some bits of these to hand and not others. It's a role you only ever grow into; you never completely arrive. Priests learn by watching the master, Jesus.

In the set gospel for this Sunday (see over; it's not the reading that we will hear at today's Eucharist), we find Jesus in a new and disorientating pastoral conversation. A man with severe issues is flailing about in the graveyard, highly distressed and causing distress to those around him. Some of us will recognise this scenario here in Bury. And into this scenario steps Jesus, just as Sheila, wearing the dog collar, will find herself drawn into difficult situations.

Jesus asks for a bit of background information ('What is your name?'). And, with sufficient information, Jesus begins to bring some order, some healing, some hope to this man and to those stressed by his distress. It's interesting that Jesus doesn't wade in with knowledge, with 'religion', with ritual. He simply offers pastoral care, attention and wisdom. Jesus models for Sheila (and me and you) a way to bring God into complicated lives.

Asking the right question, handling anxiety, bringing peace, being present, being Christ for others. That's Sheila's task. And mine. And yours.

Worship and Activities this week

5.00pm *Office Hour* Sun 6.30pm Evensong

Mon

9.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock

6.00pm Cubs (St Paul)

Wed 9.00am SPLAT (St Paul)

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room

9.30am Morning Prayer Thurs

10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House

12.45pm Holy Communion

3.00pm Rainbows (St Paul)

7.30pm Book Club Meeting in the Rectory

Fri 8.00am Dustbusters

9.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert: Savva Zverve (violin) & Sid Ramchander (piano)

4.00pm Junior Choir Practice 7.00pm Full Choir Practice

Sat 9.00am Parish Running Group

Next Week: 2nd Sunday after Trinity 30th June 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion (BPC) 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday

School (BPC)

11.00am Eucharist (St Paul's)

5.00pm Office Hour

6.30pm Evensong (BPC)

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.

1st Sunday after Trinity

23rd 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

1st Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 156) President: Julian Heaton, Rector Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.30am Combined Parish Eucharist

President: Sheila Beattie, Curate Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector Hymns: As per service sheet

Anthem:

Philip Stopford : Ave Verum César Franck: Panis Angelicus

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr Preaching Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

Hymns: 204, 475 (omit vs 6), 12

Psalm 57 (Pg.416) Genesis 24. 1-27 (Pg. 18)

Mark 5. 21-end (pg. 818—819)

Anthem: Josef Rheinberger:

Abendlied

our faith, caring for marginalised, sharing the **Good News of Jesus.**

Today's Readings

The Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 3.23-29)

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Thanks be to God

This is the word of the Lord

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 8.26-39)

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me,

Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds

and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was

feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Breakthrough



Bury's Vue cinema: Thurs 27th June@ 1pm is showing an excellent Christian film BREAKTHROUGH (12A) for a one-off Senior (aged 60+) . For trailer and details see www.breakthroughtickets.co.uk

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.

Collects from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England; Common Worship: Pastoral Services; The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects 2000

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