

# Time to Reflect

Starting out as a Christian or re-finding our faith and a new desire to practice following Jesus is exciting. Actually, it's more than that, something we forget or perhaps have never experienced. There's a sort of inner nudge to live differently, to respond differently, to see the world through new lenses. So, when we hear from Galatians, what we are listening into is some of that same energy, that same experience of being totally thrown by seeing the world in a new light. It's a bit of a roller-coaster read.

Our passage today takes the first, key, verse of Galatians 5 and then threads an argument from a bit later in the chapter. And that key idea is "Freedom": **For freedom Christ has set us free** Paul is naming one of most significant realities he has found; that to commit to Christ, to Jesus, is totally liberating. God is in the business of freeing his creation from bondage of any form. One way, for us, of judging whether something is "Christian" is whether, when we do it or say it or think it, love wins or whether someone or something loses their capacity to exercise freedom.

Paul tests out his idea in two ways. He catalogues a list of activities which, on their own, narrows our full humanity and imprisons others by our actions, the very opposite of freedom. Then he offers the "fruits of the Spirit", a cumulative list of what happens, step by step, when you give more space to Jesus and less to your ego. What happens, he says, is that a sense of freedom ripples out; freedom in our relationship with Christ, with others and in our own lives. Worth a punt, I would have thought?

## Worship and Activities this week

Sun	5.00pm <i>Office Hour</i> 6.30pm <b>Evensong</b>
Mon	9.30am <b>Morning Prayer</b> 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Wed	11.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 12.30pm Funeral of Polly Byrne 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am <b>Morning Prayer</b> 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm <b>Holy Communion</b>
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am <b>Morning Prayer</b> 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert : Chloe Tang (Clarinet) and Brian Low (piano) 4.00pm Junior Choir Practice 7.00pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am Parish Running Group 12.30pm <b>Baptism of Oliver Kenneth Lloyd</b> 3.00pm Memorial Service of Jonathan Ali

## Next Week : 3rd Sunday after Trinity 7 July 2019

8.00am <b>Said Holy Communion</b>
10.30am <b>Parish Eucharist</b> <i>Followed by coffee hour</i>
12.30pm <b>Baptism of Robert Fenton</b>
4.00pm <b>Baptism of Harry Crawford</b>
5.00pm <i>Office Hour</i>
6.30pm <b>Evensong</b>

### **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*.

## 2nd Sunday after Trinity

30th 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**

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President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

### **10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**

President: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

Hymns : 511, 425, 601, 254, 622

### **Anthem :**

J S Bach : Jesu, joy of man's desiring

G F Handel : Lord, I trust thee

### **6.30pm Evensong**

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector

Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

**Hymns:** 418, 562, 487

Psalm 60 (Pg.419)

Genesis 27. 1-40 (Pg. 22)

Mark 6. 1-6 (pg. 820)

**Anthem :** Richard Shephard :

The secret of Christ

# Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

**Amen**

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 5.1,13-25)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 9.51-62)

#### Glory to you, O Lord

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let



the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 14th July

8.40am.

Tickets at £2.00

(plus donation to choir camp), available from the Church Wardens .

*Come and join us for great food and an opportunity to meet friends old and new.*



### Parish Magazine



Our bumper July edition of the Parish Magazine is available today. Do collect your copy . Buy a copy for a friend in Bury and drop it through their door!

### 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.

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