# Time to Reflect

When we pick up the bible, what we are often reading is a piece of work that is addressing a very specific audience facing very particular issues. In the case of our first reading, from Galatians, Paul is giving his ideas of what following Jesus look like and comparing them to "the Teachers" who appear to think that all new Christians should keep the Jewish traditions, especially circumcision. For Paul, to do this is to hedge your bets, to keep a "Plan B" in play, just in case Plan A does not work out.

And so, Paul writes; For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! In other words, the only thing that matters is our engagement with Jesus Christ. Elsewhere in this letter, we hear his repeated mantra that the sort of divisions that his world got overexcited about, Jew and Gentile, Slave or Free, Male or Female, didn't matter. (Gal 3.28).

What divisions do we get over-excited about?

- Nationality is an issue (although we live in a country where many people proudly relate across boundaries).
- Gender certainly matters to some (the #MeToo campaign remind us of appalling treatment of women).
- Disability campaigners have constantly to remind society that hearing/sight/mobility impairment can unnecessarily exclude people from inclusion.

The list goes on. Paul says to us, in our generation, that the only thing that matters is Plan A. Let's focus on that; Jesus, discipleship, worship, service, stewardship of creation, evangelism. That's enough.

#### Worship and Activities this week

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Sun	12.30pm Baptism of Robert Fenton & Harry Crawford	
	5.00pm Office Hour	
	6.30pm Evensong	
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer	
	1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock	
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion	
	7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room	
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer	
	10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House	
	12.45pm Holy Communion	
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters	
	9.30am Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm Lunchtime Concert:	
	Marc Murray (organ)	

3.00pm Wedding of Kelly Kilbryde and Jamie Blackshaw

4.00pm Choir Practice 6.00pm Choir Social

Sat 9.00am Parish Running Group **BPC Walking Group** 

#### **Next Week: 4th Sunday after Trinity** 7 July 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion 8.40am Parish Breakfast

10.00am Parish and Parade and welcome of Baptism Candidates

> followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall

4.00pm Baptism Preparation

5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm 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.

#### 3rd Sunday after Trinity

#### 7th July 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

3rd Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 160) President: Julian Heaton, Rector Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist and **Sunday School**

President: Ian McVeety, Hon Asst Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector Hymns: 492; 612; 470; 489; 438

Anthem:

Ola Gieilo: Ubi caritas

Richard Lloyd: View me Lord

#### 6.30pm Evensong

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

Hymns: 217; 507; 430 Psalm 65 (Pg.423)

Genesis 29. 1-20 (Pg. 24-25)

Mark 6. 7-29 (pg. 820—821)

Anthem: Anton Bruckner: Locus iste

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

#### **Today's Readings**

#### The Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 6. 7-16)

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 10.1-11,16-20)

#### Glory to you, O Lord

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same



house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The

kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying,

"Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

## Diocese of Manchester #MoreThanSunday

Year of Discipleship

What does it mean to be a disciple and how does our faith impact on our everyday life? What do we feel called to *do* because of our faith? We encourage you to sign up via the Diocesan Webpage for more information, more links, ideas and monthly downloads.

#### **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.



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