

Time to Reflect

When I had a bit of responsibility for helping discern and select new priests, one of the questions I used to ask was this; "What is your Gospel?" I was hoping to hear the essence of what a potential candidate for the ordained ministry might want to say to others about God, Jesus, Church, life. In other words, I was hoping to hear why they thought this whole church thing was worthwhile.

The answer any of us might give to this reflects the sort of things we have heard/read and our own personal spiritual experience. Our first reading today offers us some words and ideas which clearly mattered to the new Christians in Colossae (in modern Turkey). Paul has worked out that for this group of Christians, two particular experiences encourage them.

Firstly, Paul notes that the Spirit has deeply touched this group. In particular, he recognises that, for them, following Jesus brings with it challenges that they need to embrace and accept. So, a question; are you aware of the presence of the Spirit?

Secondly, the experience of forgiveness has blown them away. They talk about their faith in terms of moving from darkness to light. That is their "Gospel", the Gospel of Forgiveness. So, what is your "Gospel"? What would you say to someone about why you come to church? Can you reduce your thoughts to a few images and words? Try these out with friends and see whether they get what you mean.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.40am Parish Breakfast
	12.30pm Baptism of Milo Stanley
	4.00pm <i>Baptism Preparation</i>
	5.00pm <i>Office Hour</i>
	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
	7.30pm Churches Together in Bury @ URC
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters
	9.30am Morning Prayer
	12.30pm Lunchtime Concerts resume on 6th September
	7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat	9.00am Parish Running Group

Next Week : 5th Sunday after Trinity 21 July 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
8.45am Adult Sunday School in the Robert Peel
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12.30pm Baptism of Alfie Thomas
5.00pm <i>Office Hour</i>
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*.

4th Sunday after Trinity

14th 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
4th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 162)
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

10.00am Parish and Parade and welcome of Baptism Candidates
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns : as per service sheet
Anthem :
Charles H H Parry : I was glad
John Rutter :
For the beauty of the earth

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 555; 407; 18
Psalm 77. 1-12 (Pg.441)
Genesis 32. 9-30 (Pg.28)
Mark 7. 1-23 (pg. 822)
Anthem : Charles Wood :
Never weather beaten sail

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 1.1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks

to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 10.25-37)

Glory to You, O Lord

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you

spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ



Holiday Club

29 July—2 August

We are running our usual Holiday Club during this week. If you would like a member of your family to attend, could you let Dawn Wight know?

Email: d.wight@talktalk.net

Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday.... 8.40am.. Robert Peel pub.
Come. Eat. Learn. Laugh. Make friends.

Diocese of Manchester

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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 Bury Parish Webpage for more information, more links, ideas and monthly downloads.

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