

Time to Reflect

Among the bible passages with which Christians are familiar is the beginning of John's Gospel; "in the beginning was the word...". Unlike the more domesticated stories that we find in Luke (with the stable and shepherds) and Matthew (with the strange magi visitors), John begins with a Cosmic vision; he places Jesus in the centre of the universe.

And so does Paul in this letter to the Colossians (see over). We miss out the first few verses—which tell us that Paul is essentially in a conversation with those who think that planet earth and our skin are very bad things—and, in our imaginations, we are catapulted out of the earth's atmosphere so that we can think about Jesus, not limited to this earth, but as the one through whom this earth was created. Paul's words almost tumble over themselves, in a breathless attempt to say everything he can about Jesus.

And then... having made sure that we never ever limit Jesus to just 1st Century Palestine, Paul reaches down and says this; ***you who were once estranged and hostile in mind.... he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him..***

The one who created everything.... also cares for each person, for you, reading this.

This is Paul's message, not just to the Colossians. It's his message to you and me. We sometimes feel so small in our world (because we are). But the love of Jesus includes both the whole breadth of creation and you and me. That truly is Good News.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.40am	Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peel
	12.30pm	Baptism of Alfie Thomas
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Worship Committee @ House on the 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	Publicity Committee Meeting @ House on the Rock
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
	1.30pm	Wedding of Jayne Healey and Anthony Simpkin

Next Week : 6th Sunday after Trinity 28 July 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12.30pm	Baptism of Ethan James Forrest
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.

5th Sunday after Trinity

21th 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
6th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 164)
President: Sheila Beattie, Curate
Preaching: Sheila Beattie, Curate

10.00am Parish and Parade and Sunday School
President: Sheila Beattie, Curate
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns : 6; 523; 380 (omt*); 169; 643
Anthem : Grayston Ives : O for a closer walk with God
Franz Schubert : Ave Maria

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Hymns: 454; 482; 516
Psalm 81 (Pg.450)
Genesis 41. 1-16, 25-37 (Pg.35)
1 Corinthians 4. 8-13 (pg. 957)
Canticles : T T Noble in b minor
Anthem : Herbert Howells : O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 1.15-28)

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 10.38-42)

Glory to you, O Lord

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea

BPC Mothers' Union are hosting an Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 6th Aug in the Blackburne Hall @ 1.00pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available to purchase in Church on Sunday mornings or ring 01204 884671. Everyone welcome.

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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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