

Time to Reflect

Why are you in church today? Why did you come? There are all sorts of (good) answers to this. Our reading from Hebrews (see over) sifts through the sort of motivations we might have. The writer puts our motivations into two piles. One, not so good. The other? Well, that is why we should be here.

“You have not come....” for an emotional ride. That seems to be the first pile of reasons. Coming to church to have an experience, a buzz, is not what worship is about. It should be an unexpected blessing to hear a great sermon, to listen to great music. But these are not the reasons to be in church.

“You have come....” for God. Simple as that. The writer spells out what he means in two ways. He talks about being part of a vibrant, faithful, expectant community. This is so much more than catching up with news from people. It is about sensing the grace of God at work when we gather to hear the scriptures and receive from the altar and when we join together for refreshments. And then (and I am not sure whether we should read anything into the sequence here), then, he writes, we come to encounter God, to meet “Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant”.

Perhaps there is something about that sequence? Perhaps we best and most commonly encounter God when we are already alert to his presence in his people? And perhaps, therefore, in our conversation in church (and after church) we ought to speak of God to each other, to encourage each other, to foster a deep sense that this day, in each other’s company, we shall come to God, the “consuming fire”?

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.30pm	Baptism of Christopher-Daniel Robertson
	<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Office Hour</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong
		Bank Holiday
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 Concerts resume on 6th September
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

Next Week : 11th Sunday after Trinity 1 September 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12.30pm	Baptism of Ronnie & Louie Kirk, and Mason Long,
<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Office Hour</i>
6.30pm	Evensong

Interested in helping with our Social Media?

We have a meeting on 4 September at 1.30pm with the Diocesan Social Media advisor. If you would like to come, learn and help, do see Julian or Keith Smith. You’d be very welcome.

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.

10th Sunday after Trinity

25th August 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

10th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 172)

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10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

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Hymns : 394; 385; 435(omt 2); 308; 418

Anthem : Richard Shephard : I heard the voice of Jesus say

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’t

Preaching: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t

Hymns: 546 (omt*); 453; 267

Psalm 119. 49-56 (Pg.504)

Isaiah 30. 8-21 (Pg.564)

2 Corinthians 9 (pg. 971)

Anthem : Herbert Howells : Like as the hart

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

(Hebrews 12.18-29)

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things - so that

what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(Luke 13.10-17)

Glory to you, O Lord

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

September Magazine

You will have received a copy of the September magazine with our service sheets today. We hope you will take it home with you as there are many reports on our activities and forthcoming events. If you are able, we would welcome a donation of 50p for the magazine. Please place donation in the plate after the service.

Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 8th September at 8.40am. Tickets (£2.00 plus donation) available from the Churchwardens, and during the week from The House-on-the-Rock

Heritage Open Day—14 September

Every year, in mid September, churches, museums, galleries and all sorts of other places throw open their doors and invite people in.

We will open at 9.30am as usual.

Highlights will include

- ☺ display of our Silverware, our Registers, our vestments
- ☺ Trips up the tower and to the Clerestory
- ☺ 11.00am Matins (as it might have been in 1876)
- ☺ History talk
- ☺ Victoria Refreshments all day.

To do all this, we need;

- ◇ manikins for our vestments.
- ◇ Can you give an hour?
- ◇ folks to manage stairways to tower & Clerestory

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