

Time to Reflect

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. There is a distinction between sympathy and empathy. Sympathy is an expression of support for someone going through a difficult situation, looking in from the outside, as it were. Empathy, to quote Harper Lee in "To Kill a Mocking Bird" is getting into their shoes and walking about. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew the distinction and suggests to us, in our pastoral care of those we meet, that this practice, of imagining life from their perspective, is more Jesus-like than standing apart.

And it is more costly. At the end of the reading today, we hear the word "sacrifice" in the context of our involvement with others. In other words, if we merely pat someone on the head and say "there, there", this costs us nothing and is, essentially, pointless, patronising and demeaning. If we, however, brace ourselves and step inside their lives, if we imagine experiencing life as they are, then the likelihood is that our reaction will be rather different, more humane, more open.

A couple of weeks ago I went to hear a speaker talk about the complexity of relationships. She made the point that we can, as Christians, approach life from one of two directions. Either we can absorb the doctrine and see and judge and react to people and situations through the "rules" that the teaching gives us; or we can listen to the experience (walk about in their shoes) and then, in the light of tradition, tease out how best to be authentically Jesus-like in our response. Which approach works for you?

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.30pm	Baptism of Ronnie & Louie Kirk, and Mason Long.
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Tues	7.15pm	Holy Communion followed by the MU meeting @ Kay Room
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	1.30pm	Publicity Committee
	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 with Philip McCann (cornet) & Simon Lindley (organ/piano)
	4.00pm	Choir School resumes
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

Next Week : 10th Sunday after Trinity 8 September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist, with Parade and Welcome for those exploring baptism 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.

11th Sunday after Trinity

1st September 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
11th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 170)
President: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 466 (omit vs 2); 313; 290; 488; 388
Anthem : Edward Bairstow : Jesu, the very thought of Thee

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: 435; 191; 255
Psalm 119. 81-96 (Pg.506)
Isaiah 33. 13-22 (Pg.567)
John 3. 22-36 (pg. 879)
Anthem : Orlando Gibbons : This is the record of John

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

(Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

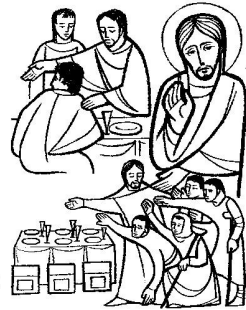
This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 14.1,7-14)

Glory to you, O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;



and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 8th Sept @ 8.40am.

Tickets at £2.00

(plus donation), available from the Church Wardens or House on the Rock during the week .

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



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)
- ☺ Guided Tour
- ☺ Victorian 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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