

Time to Reflect

Where do people start a journey of adult faith? For some, it comes with the flash of a kingfisher, a sunlit hillside or the mystery of new birth. It starts in beauty. For others it comes in an overwhelming sense of oneness with the whole universe or a sense of almost physically being lifted up in gratitude for life, for love, for this moment, these people.

And for others.... It's an awakening both to a visceral sense of inadequacy or of some catastrophic act in the past or on-going, dull, repetitive deed in the present. An awakening to sin. Stories of "Damascus Road" experiences, of life turned round by flashes of self-awareness, terror and grace, are rightly part of the Christian tradition. Think "Amazing Grace" or Corrie ten Boom in the concentration camps, or of meetings between Japanese soldiers and prisoners from the Burma Railway. That's what 1 Timothy is about today.

For many of us, sin is what other people do. 'We' make mistakes, have little foibles, get a bit lost. There has been a collective loss of the sense of sin in culture. And maybe some of that is not too bad. Guilt and shame can crush our humanity. Too much emphasis on sin can warp our sense of the possibilities of life. Sometimes our liturgy (and the Book of Common Prayer does this in spades) can burden us with a vision that we humans are miserable specimens rather than offering us a vision of beings who reflect the beauty and grace of God.

But make no mistake. Sin is real. We need grace and forgiveness. We need to note when we have lost part of that beauty and need God to come and help us find it, to dust us down, and help us start again.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.40am	Adult Sunday School
	12 noon	Battle of Britain
	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 with Chetham's School of Music
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

Next Week : 14th Sunday after Trinity 22 September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
2.30pm	ALM Commissioning Service @ Manchester Cathedral
3.00pm	Bury Hospice Concert
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.

13th Sunday after Trinity

15th 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
13th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 176)
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns : service sheet
Anthem : S S Wesley : Wash me throughly

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 174; 228; 152
Psalm 124, 125 (Pg.515)
Isaiah 60 (Pg.593)
John 6. 51-69 (pg. 883)
Canticles : William Harris in A
Anthem : Charles Wood : O thou the central orb

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

(1 Timothy 1.12-17)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 15.1-10)

Glory to you, O Lord

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this

parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven

over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully

until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Food Bank Donations—new items

We are so grateful for all who bring food for the Food Bank. Following a recent conversation, the topic of 'Period Poverty' come up. So, if you could include appropriate items, health related, including all toiletries, that would be great. Thanks in advance.



Harvest 2019

Parish Harvest Lunch

Three Course meal on
Sunday, 13th Oct. at 12
noon. Tickets at £5.00 are
available after services and
at The House on the Rock



Harvest Flowers – Help Wanted !!

Jean Sutcliffe has offered to oversee this year's Harvest Festival Flowers and seeking help Flower arranging will take place on Saturday 12th October 2019 with the deliveries being made on Monday 14th October 2019.

Concerts in BPC

Bury Hospice

Sunday, 22 Sept at 3.00pm
'Land of Hope & Glory' with
Choirs and Orchestra. Tickets
from Bury Hospice



Brighthouse & Rastrick Band

Saturday, 5th Oct at 7.30pm

With Besses Boys' Band.

Tickets from House on the Rock

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