

Time to Reflect

'You are what you eat.' This is true of what we contemplate too. The decisions we make every day about what we will dwell longest on, think most deeply about, chew over most thoroughly, are decisions that will have profound long term effects on the sort of people we become.

Paul is not, of course, telling us only to contemplate attractive or consoling things. 'Pleasing' is accompanied by 'true', 'honourable', 'pure' and more – all of which may be challenging to face.

During the period of the centenary of the First World War, St Paul's Cathedral in London displayed the astonishingly lovely altar frontal woven by the trembling hands of 140 shell shocked soldiers as part of their occupational therapy. They were trained up by members of the Royal School of Needlework and did the work in various hospitals around the country. Their eyes had seen barely imaginable horrors; their heads were colonised by unwanted memories. But quietly, steadily, stitch by stitch, they were helped to consider beauty again as well, and to become part of its transmission to others.

To contemplate their achievement is to understand a little more about what Paul may have been calling the Philippians to do – and us too. Not to look away from the world's violence and trauma, pretending that it isn't there, but to look insistently for the deeper and more enduring 'excellences' that can nourish and heal it. The altars from which Christians feed remember brutality but proclaim love.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12noon	Parish Lunch in Blackburne Hall
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	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
	7.30pm	Book Club @ Rectory
Fri	8.00am	Dustbusters
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert with Zorya Guitar Duo
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat	4.00pm	Story Telling Church

Next Week : 18th Sunday after Trinity 20 October

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.45am	Adult Sunday School in Robert Peal
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12.30pm	Baptism of Finley Cooper
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.

17th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Sunday

13th October 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
17th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 18)
President: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Preaching : Sheila Beattie. Curate

10.00am Parish Eucharist, with Parade and Welcome for those exploring baptism
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns : on service sheet
Anthem : Maurice Greene : Thou visitest the earth
John Rutter : For the beauty of the earth

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 557; 538 (omt*); 495
Psalm 144 (Pg.531)
Nehemiah 6. 1-16 (Pg.390)
John 15. 12-end (pg. 894)
Anthem : Charles Wood : Summer ended

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

(Philippians 4:4-9)

Always be filled with joy in the Lord. I will say it again. Be filled with joy. Let everyone see that you are gentle and kind. The Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have. And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds.

Brothers and sisters, continue to think about what is good and worthy of praise. Think about what is true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. And do what you learned and received from me—what I told you and what you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Gospel reading from John *(John 6:24-35)*

The people saw that Jesus and his followers were not there now. So they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to find Jesus. The people found Jesus on the other side of the lake. They asked him, "Teacher,

when did you come here?" He answered, "Why are you looking for me? Is it because you saw miraculous signs? The truth is, you are looking for me because you ate the bread and were satisfied. But earthly food spoils and ruins. So don't work to get that kind of food. But work to get the food that stays good and gives you eternal life. The Son of Man will give you that food. He is the only one qualified by God the Father to give it to you." The people asked Jesus, "What does God want us to do?" Jesus answered, "The work God wants you to do is this: to believe in the one he sent." So the people asked, "What miraculous sign will you do for us? If we can see you do a miracle, then we will believe you. What will you do?"³¹ Our ancestors were given manna to eat in the desert. As the Scriptures say, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus said, "I can assure you that Moses was not the one who gave your people bread from heaven. But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. God's bread is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The people said, "Sir, from now on give us bread like that." Then Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who believes in me will ever be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Diocesan Finance Survey

Each October we are asked to complete an anonymous income survey for the Diocese. This is used to calculate our Parish Share. Each regular member of the congregation, over the age of 16, is asked to complete this form once during the month. For more information, chat to Pat Uden.

Songs of Praise

27th October at 5.00pm

We all have a favourite hymn. How about sharing your choice, sharing with us why you like it, what it says to you about the world, about God, about life? If you would like to choose a hymn, please let Marc or Julian know. We will ask you for a three minute explanation. Can you let us know by Sunday 20 October. Refreshments are served following our hymn singing.

Parish Harvest Lunch

today at 12 noon. Tickets at £5.00

All Souls – Fabric Material

On All Saints/All Souls Sunday (3/11) we would like to put up a drop on which pieces of cloth which you have given us will be sown. These pieces of cloth may be from the actual clothing worn by someone you wish to remember, or may be a token, a visual reminder, of him/her.

If you would like to offer us material, here is the way to do it.

- Any cloth, pre-cut, to approx. 6" x 3".
- One piece per person you would like remembered.
- Place this in an envelope and write FOR ALL SOULS on the outside.
- Leave this with the Wardens/Sidespeople at the back of church.
- Please note that we will NOT be able to return material.
- We need the material by Sunday 13 October

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