

Time to Reflect

I recall observing a parishioner with a little ring-bound pocket book, scribbling something down. I asked her what she was doing. "I've just remembered that I should pray for so-and-so", she replied, putting the book in her housecoat.

I was awed. Here was this lady, a regular attender at church, committing herself to do the most difficult aspect of prayer—to intercede. Difficult, for me anyway, because those long lists of names are dull to listen to, distracting because we find ourselves wondering why those names on the list and the whole business raises complicated questions about what we think God will do with these prayers anyway.

Intercessory prayer, asking God to be with people and involved in situations, is often where we start; "God bless Mummy, Daddy, etc". We become more self-conscious about this as we grow up, more uncertain about what we are actually doing. Yet it is clear, in the scriptures, that the business of holding people and situations up to God is something that God longs for us to do. Our Gospel reading, although it explores other issues too (justice, faith), is a rallying call to us to be people of intercession; to carry our own pocket books as it were, to be faithful and persistent in our prayers.

As part of our Mission Action Planning, we are going to be using a prayer regularly in our worship, a prayer for ourselves and our parish. Like the widow, we are going to be persistent in our pleading before God.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.45am Adult Sunday School (Robert Peal)
	12.30pm Baptism of Finley Cooper
	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 Olga Paliy (piano)
	4.00pm Choir School
	7.00pm Choir Practice

Next Week : 19th Sunday after Trinity 27 October

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12.30pm Baptism of Henry Knibb
5.00pm Songs of Praise followed by Refreshments
No 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.

18th Sunday after Trinity 20th 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

18th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 185)

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr

10.00am Parish Eucharist, and Sunday School

President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

Hymns : 558; 404; 516ii; 566; 81

Anthem : John Blow : Let my prayer come up

Sidney Campbell : Be strong and of good courage

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Preaching: Sheila Beattie. Curate

Hymns: 400; 183; 389

Psalm 149 (Pg.536)

Nehemiah 8. 9-end (Pg.392)

John 16. 1-11 (pg. 895)

Canticles : Herbert Sumsion in A

Anthem : Felix Mendelssohn : Hear my prayer

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5)

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 18.1-8)

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,



'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me

out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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.

See the October Magazine for further details.

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.

All Souls' Day Service

Our commemoration of the Faithful Departed takes place on **Sunday, 3rd November at 6.30pm.**

If you wish a loved-one to be remembered at this service, please add their names to the list provided at the back of church.

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.

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**' came up. So, if you could include appropriate items, health related, including all toiletries, that would be great. Thanks in advance.

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