

Time to Reflect

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction. So writes Paul. This begs a question of Christians. Are we willing to be instructed? The obvious point to make here, of course, is that the scriptures Paul was writing about are what we call the Old Testament. Do we think of the Old Testament as a “go to” source of wisdom, instruction and encouragement?

The reality is that Christians, if we read our bibles, tend to start and finish in the New Testament. We tend to think that the Old Testament is simply too big, too strange, too different, to ever be anything other than an interesting and rather long-winded prologue before the real deal.

So here’s the news. Jesus makes no sense without the Old Testament. All that surrounds his birth, his death, his resurrection; all that we think about the Cross, about God; all that we have in our heads about “what next”, rests on the witness of the Old Testament. Our gospel reading has Jesus literally opening the synagogue scroll and pointing to a passage that makes his future ministry make sense. Scholars cannot decide how many times the Hebrew bible is quoted; perhaps somewhere in the region of 500 direct quotes, not to mention allusions and references.

And here’s a question; are you open to being instructed? open to whatever God wants you to hear when you read the scriptures? Open to the encouragement of God’s word? Are you?

Worship and Activities this week

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| Sun | 12.30pm Baptism of Henry Knibb 5.00pm Songs of Praise <i>followed by Refreshments</i> 6.30pm No 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 Schorndorfer Posaunen Chor Brass Ensemble from Germany 4.00pm Choir School 6.00pm Light Party 7.00pm Choir Practice |
| Sat | 9.30am Morning Prayer |

Next Week : All Saints’ Day 3 November

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| 8.00am Said Holy Communion |
| 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School <i>followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall</i> |
| 12.30pm Baptism of Isaac Kennedy 5.00pm Office Hour |
| 6.30pm All Souls’ Service |

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.

Bible Sunday 27th 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
19th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 186)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’tr
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’tr
Hymns : 619; 504; 584 ; 321; 626
Anthem : William Byrd : Teach me, O Lord

5.00pm Songs of Praise

Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns on Service Sheet
Anthem : Charles V Stanford : O for a closer walk with God
Bob Chilcott : Be thou my vision

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 15.1-6)

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 4.16-24)

Glory to You, O Lord

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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.

Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 10th November @ 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.

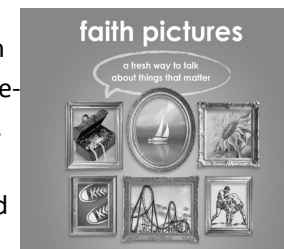


Songs of Praise Today at 5.00pm

Join us as we sing a selection of hymns and worship songs chosen by members of our congregation, who will also share with us what that hymn means to them. Refreshments are served.

Wednesday Study Group

FAITH PICTURES is a 6-week course designed to help us to find a way to talk about our faith to people in a way that is natural and life-giving to both us and them. Why not join us for at 7pm in the Ashton Room if you'd like to know more? More details in the November magazine
23rd October: Opening the Conversation
30th October: The Power of the Ordinary



Diocesan Finance Survey

Today is the last opportunity to complete the income survey for the Diocese, used to calculate our Parish Share. Each regular member of the congregation, over the age of 16, to complete. 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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