

Mission Action Plan

This week sees the last of the meetings in our initial listening exercise on the possible ways in which God is inviting us to move into his future.

I have been around long enough to know that we live in a time of rapid, challenging and complex change economically, culturally, politically. And I have been in ministry long enough to have experienced waves of anxiety from both parishioners and the “Centre” about the impact of these changes on the life of the local Church. Putting it bluntly, the church, which once was at the centre of social and community life, has found itself on the edge. Sadness, anger, frustration and uncertainty are just some of our emotions that flow from this.

It is enormously tempting to point a finger at one person/event and put all the blame on him/her/that. It might be satisfying (except for the person we “dump” on) but it would be untrue and unkind and ill-informed. Along with imagining there is only one cause, we might equally imagine there is only one solution. An equally tempting, comforting but false and deceptive assumption. Fake News as it were.

Perhaps the Church will never regain the place it had. But that does not mean we should do nothing. MAP invites us to take ownership of the future. Or, theologically, to take co-ownership with God. So, with the Lord, let us seek renewal of mission and ministry in ways to put God back on people’s agenda and Bury Parish Church as a place where people can experience His presence in their lives.

This will be the last of the short reflections on Mission Action Planning. Next week, we are back to reflections on the scripture readings.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	8.45am	Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peel
	11.45am	Battle of Britain Service
	5.00pm	Office Hour
Mon	6.30pm	Evensong
	1.00pm	“In-house” @ House on t’Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Tues	9.30am	Open MAP Meeting in Church—enter via Choir Vestry
	7.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Bury @ Manna House
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Poppy Making in Ashton Room
	4.00pm	House on the Rock Committee
Thurs	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
	7.00pm	Publicity C’ttee @ Kay Room
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Fri	10.30am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30	Armistice Committee Meeting @ The Rectory
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Lunchtime concert with Jill Crossland (piano)
	4.00pm	Junior Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice

Next Week: 17th Sun after Trinity: 23th September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
	<i>followed by refreshment</i>
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Evensong

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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 children’s area at the back of Church.

8.00am Said Holy Communion
President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector
Hymns: 170; 582; 557; 220; 622
Motets:
William Harris : Come, my way
Thomas Mudd :
Let thy merciful ears, O Lord

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister : Sheila Beattie, Curate
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 382; 571; 10
Psalm: 119. 73—80(pg. 505—506)
Exodus 18. 13—26 (pg. 61 - 62)
Matthew 7. 1—14 (pg. 786- 787)
Canticles: Herbert Sumsion in A
Anthem: **Richard Shephard** : The secret of Christ

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my
ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck
me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard; I did not hide my face from insult and
spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not
been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like
flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he
who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with
me? Let us stand up together. Who are my
adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord
God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (Mark 8.27-38)*

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they

answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets." He asked
them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter
answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he
sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man
must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the
elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be
killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this
quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him. But turning and
looking at his disciples, he
rebuked Peter and said, "Get
behind me, Satan! For you are
setting your mind not on divine
things but on human things." He
called the crowd with his disciples,
and said to them, "If any want to
become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their
cross and follow me. For those
who want to save their life will lose it, and those who
lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the
gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to
gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed,
what can they give in return for their life? Those
who are ashamed of me and of my words in this
adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of
Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the
glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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Mission Action Plan Open Meeting

This is an invitation to you to step in to the debate
about the shape and future direction and priorities of
Bury Parish. We invite you to contribute your
thoughts and imagination and insight into what God
is calling us to do. The Church is organised in a way
where all God's children are invited to participate in
this conversation. And maybe God has given you
unique a vision which we will not hear unless you
offer it.

Come and share your hopes for us as we seek to
listen to the Lord.

⇒ Tuesday, 18th September from 9.30am in Bury
Parish Church (access via the Choir Vestry)

Walking Group date change

The next walking group occasion is next
Saturday 22nd September rather than
the advertised date of 29th September.
Start time of 10am.



Explorer Scouts

The Scouts are growing a new group! an Explorer
Scouting unit has started! Explorers are not part of
our own Troop but will be located in the Wilson Hall
and give our Scouts, as they leave, somewhere to
move onto. We wish them every blessing.

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will
be at the back of church. Spot the dog collar! 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