

Time to Reflect

Our Gospel today is one of the most difficult to understand. Indeed, one reading of it is precisely that Jesus had an “off” day. He was human, after all.

But just suppose that, in this story of a manager who fiddles the books *and* gets praised by his boss, there is a point, there is something for us to hear and pay attention to; what would that point be? After all, our economy is as it is because those just off the focus of the media, minor characters but still big earners, played fast and loose with other people’s hard earned money and appeared not to have to carry the pain of their actions.

Perhaps one place to start would be to think about a culture of honour. In the bible, money is not, as in our culture, the end game. Money is the way, in Middle Eastern society, to reach a place where people respect you. Respect, honour, are way more important than cash in the bank. Think about the father in the Prodigal son running to meet him, throwing away all his respect because, for him love trumps honour. And think about this; that when the steward speaks or acts, it is *as if* it was the master speaking and acting. The steward is playing on this cultural reality. The master *has to* back up the steward’s work otherwise he himself would lose respect.

So think about respect. Do we respect people because of the amount of money they have? Or how they earned it? Or what they now do with it? Maybe the point of Jesus’ difficult parable is the last of these; what we do with our money, what we ‘worship’ with our money tells others and God all they need to know about our heart and our priorities

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	2.30pm	ALM Commissioning Service @ Manchester Cathedral
	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Bury Hospice Concert</i>
	<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Office Hour</i>
	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 (Instrumentalists)
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat	2.00pm	Wedding of Michaela Howarth and Dean Benjamin

Next Week : 15th Sunday after Trinity 29 September

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School <i>followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall</i>
<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Office Hour</i>
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*.

14th Sunday after Trinity

22nd 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

14th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 179)

President: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’t
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’t

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

President: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’t
Hymns : 170; 459; 573 (ot vs3); 305; 497
Anthem : John Rutter :
Look at the world

6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Preaching: Ian McVeety, Hon Assist’t
Hymns: 208 (Pt 3 & Dox); 408; 594
Psalm 129 (Pg.517)
Ezra 1 (Pg.377)
John 7. 14-36 (pg. 884)
Anthem : Sergei Rachmaninoff :
To thee, O Lord

Cornerstone

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

Today's Readings

The Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 2.1-7)

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 16.1-13)

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager

any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ



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

Today at 3.00pm
'Land of Hope & Glory' with Choirs
and Orchestra. Tickets from Bury
Hospice



Brighouse & Rastrick Band

Saturday, 5th Oct at 7.30pm

With Besses Boys' Band.

Tickets from House on the Rock

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