

# Time to Reflect

“Don’t panic, Mr Mainwaring.” It is one of Dad’s Army’s great phrases, along with “Do you that’s wise?” spoke by Sergeant Wilson. Our first reading is in response to panic. And the panic, so it appears, is in response to the congregation in Thessalonica mis-hearing what the writer of our first reading put in his first letter. Who knew that crossed wires could lead to such a situation?

The original correspondence (1 Thessalonians) had elements in it about the “last times”. That’s not something we hear about much in church today. Part of the reason for is precisely because talking about what will/might happen in the future can easily be misunderstood. Whole churches have been built around the theme of “End Times”. And much sadness has been caused. Do you remember the Jim Jones mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana in 1987? That was an extreme version of a sort of fixation with the Apocalypse. So, to avoid that, Christian preachers tend to avoid this whole area.

Not so the early Church. Scattered across the New Testament are references to “the beyond today”. These come, not to frighten people into doing good, but to offer hope and encouragement to bear with the present. In essence, the message is that what we are experiencing now is not the end or the intention of our loving Lord. In other words, we are not to panic. Rather, we are to trust in God who reveals himself in Jesus and who is present in the world in the Spirit. Steadying our hearts, resting and trusting in God, allows us to step forward into world to minister in both peace and confidence.

## Worship and Activities this week

Sun	8.40am Parish Breakfast 11.30am Remembrance Day Civic Service 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 Chethams School of Music 4.00pm Choir School 7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer 4.00pm Story Telling Church

### Next Week : 2nd Sunday before Advent 17 November

8.00am Said Holy Communion
8.45am Adult Sunday School @ Robert Peel
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
12.30pm Baptism of Harrison Wallwork
5.00pm Office Hour
6.30pm Choral Evensong

### Baptisms & Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. Our monthly Parish Magazine has a full list of contact details on the inside of the back page. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: [bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk) by Wednesday.

## Remembrance Sunday 10th November 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

21st Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 190)  
President: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

### 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Welcome for those exploring baptism

President: Sheila Beattie. Curate  
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector  
Hymns : 202; 33; 420; 608  
**Anthem** : Henry Purcell : Thou knowest Lord

### 11.30am Civic Remembrance Service

### 6.30pm Evensong

Minister: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’tr  
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R’tr  
Hymns : 368; 109; 18  
Psalm 40  
1 Kings 3. 1-15  
Romans 8. 31-end  
**Anthem** : Henry Balfour Gardiner :  
Evening Hymn

# Cornerstone

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

## Today's Readings

### The Collect

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts

and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 20.27-38)*

### Glory to You, O Lord

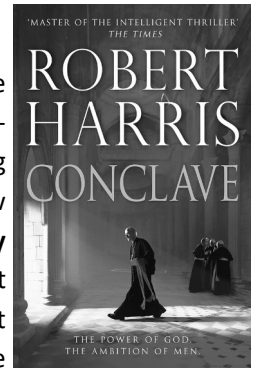
Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

### Praise to You, O Christ

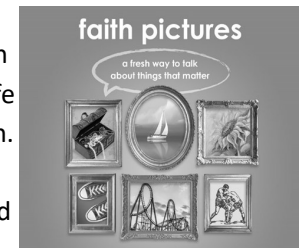
## Book Club

Our November meeting will be discussing 'Conclave' by Robert Harris, a novel exploring the appointment of a new Pope. This will be on **Thursday November 14th at 7.30pm** at the Rectory. We will also meet on December 12th at the same time and place to discuss 'The Line of Beauty' by Alan Hollinghurst.



## 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



## 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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