



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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10th
December
2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Whilst Donald Trump is 'Twittering', the rest of the world appears to be 'teetering' on the edge of disaster. All around us appears chaos, gloom and suffering. It is hard not to become anxious and depressed about the future for ourselves and our children and grandchildren. Why would a seemingly sensible country like the United States elect such a politically ignorant man like Donald Trump as President? He appears to support racism and his attitude towards women is appalling. Perhaps his false promises, bigotry and blame culture brought hope to a desperate section of the American population and appealed to the worst in humanity. I don't know, but we are in desperate times and in these times, humanity looks to anything that can bring them hope. Sadly, a great many people look for hope in the wrong places, and there are always unscrupulous people. However, all through the millennia of desperate times, there has been the one constant in our lives, that is our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our only hope. After all, He was sent by God as His only son to bring hope and peace to all humanity. Jesus died, suffered on the cross and rose again to prove God's love for us. As we busy ourselves preparing for, what is my favourite Christian Festival, we can look forward to that renewed hope and faith in the future by putting our trust and faith in God who will never let us down nor turn away from us.

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 2 Peter 3 vs. 8 – 15a & Mark 1 vs. 1 – 8

Next week is **Celebration of Christmas**



Today's Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God

Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda Kelly
Janet Wall - for her closeness to God
Jeff Archibold
Baby Anthony Ross Evans
Paula Hulse
Mark Hulse
Jean Heyes
Marlene Wolstencroft
Michael Harmsworth
Doreen Ridyard
Minti Radia
Ronnie Ditchfield
Margaret Hayes
Gabrielle Ridyard
Irene Hulse
Barbara Platt
Bill & Joyce Bancroft
Simon Taylor & Family
Peggy & Bill Brown
Mark Emerson
Andrew Taylor
Carys Leonard
Petra Bryan

The prayer list has been updated, if you feel we have missed someone off who still needs our prayers, please don't hesitate to let Sharron or Tony know and we will add their names back onto the list.



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
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St Bede's Church has its own Book of Remembrance. If you would like to add the name of a loved one in the Book of Remembrance, please see Judith Kelleway or one of the Wardens who would be happy to arrange that for you. If you would also like to donate flowers to the Church in memory at any time, Sharron would be happy to arrange them for you.

CELEBRATIONS

If you have any celebrations you want to share, please see Sharron or Tony or email us at;

newsletterstbede@gmail.com

During the weeks when we have Children's Groups in the Community Room, tea and coffee after the service will be held at the back of church. This will allow our Group Leaders to focus more on our young people and not on ensuring tables are set up for coffee. Please support this initiative.

OFFER ON INSURANCE

Ecclesiastical Insurance now provide home insurance for individuals and will give our Church a financial sum if we encourage parishioners to apply and take up their offer. Please see David or Elaine Almond for further details.

Dates for your Diary

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Our own Rocks and Pebbles will be helping us celebrate Christmas on **Sunday 17th December 2017** during our morning worship. It would be great to see as many in Church as possible. Please invite your family and friends!

Can we have donations of Mince Pies for after the service please!!!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Wednesday 13th December – School Carol service in Church – 6.00pm

Thursday 21st December – Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise – 7.30pm

Sunday 17th December – Celebration of Christmas – 10.00am

Sunday 24th December 2017 Christmas Eve – All Age Communion – 10.00am

Christmas Eve – Carols around the Tree – 6.30pm

Christmas Day – Holy Communion – Joy to the World - 10.00am

CHECK OUT OUR BANNER UNDER THE MAIN STAINED-GLASS WINDOW OUTSIDE SHOWING WE ARE A LIVING BREATHING CHURCH



Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

Have you ever planned for visitors to your home? If so, you may notice that parents bring out the vacuum cleaner, window cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dusters and furniture polish. You may even be called to work together and assigned jobs to do, to make sure that there is not a speck of dust or dirt to be seen.

Well, what if that visitor was a King. Can you imagine what it would be like if you were expecting a visit from a king?

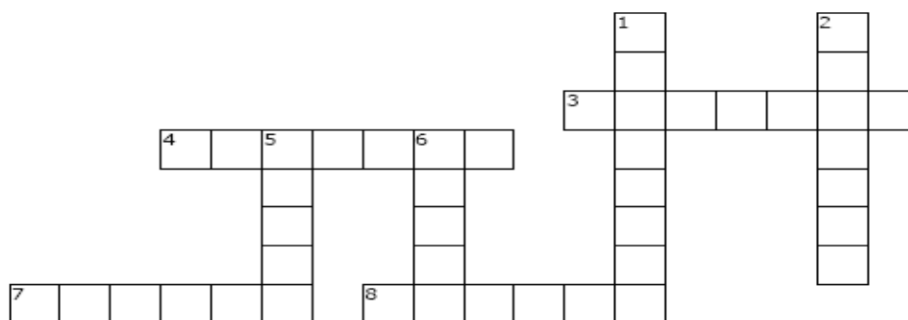
Long before Jesus was born, a prophet named Isaiah said that before Jesus would be born, there would be one who would come before him to prepare the way for him. His name was John. The Bible tells us that John was like a voice, crying in the wilderness; he was telling people that Jesus was coming and that they needed to prepare for his coming.

When John told people that they needed to prepare for the coming of Jesus, he wasn't talking about getting out the vacuum cleaner, window cleaner, dusters and polish so we can have a clean house. He was talking about a preparing a clean heart. He told the people that they needed to confess their sins, repent, and be baptized so that they would be ready to meet the coming King.



Jesus, the King was born. This is the season when we celebrate his birth. The Bible also tells us that he is coming again and that we must be ready for his return. Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.

How about you? Are you ready to meet the King?



ACROSS

3. Having bends, curves, or angles.
4. To grant a pardon for sin.
7. Having a surface free from roughness
8. To turn away from one's sins.

DOWN

1. Having no bends or curves.
2. To make things or oneself ready.
5. Having an irregular, course, or shaggy surface
6. What we use to speak.

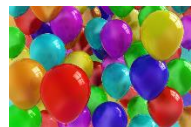
repent	voice	crooked	rough
forgive	prepare	straight	smooth

As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

St Bede's is a living Church and its people are The Church. The Church's only financial support is its own Church family.

Please try to support the social and fundraising events as they are vital not only to the financial wellbeing of our Church, but are great opportunities to get to know one another better.

Your Church thanks you for your gifts of money, time and talents.



JUBILEE AND COMMUNITY ROOMS

The Community Room and the Jubilee room are available to hire for parties, meetings etc. Please see one of the Church Wardens, Gill or Jean

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Can you all join us in welcoming Shardai Bristow, Casey Johnson and Keiron Bowes from St Catherine's Academy who are here for the next 10 or so weeks to help with Tea, Coffee etc as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The luncheon club meets on **the first Wednesday of every month at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm** in the community room. A beautiful nourishing 2 course (main course and dessert) freshly home-cooked hot meal which includes a soft drink plus coffee/tea is served at a cost of £5.80. There are a few vacancies available and we would love to see you. Meals need to be ordered in advance, so if you or anyone you know would like to join us once a month, please let Sharron Howard know.

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP – WEEKEND AWAY

Application forms and prices now available for the April 2018 weekend away. Please see Gill – Churchwarden – for more information.

