



# St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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11<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2018

Sunday next before Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

We are coming into the 2nd full week of February. Christmas, with all its joys and excitement and sometimes sadness and stress is behind us. The weather is still cold and wet but the days are lengthening and we are moving towards Lent and looking forward to Holy Week and Easter and the promise of Spring.

Lent for many people is just a name which they vaguely associate with giving something up. Of course, as Christians, 'giving something up' which we enjoy over Lent, helps us to focus our minds, on the huge sacrifice Jesus made for us when he suffered such a terrible death on the cross to atone for our sins.

Lent is a time for reflection on all that Christ Jesus has done for me and my family and for the whole world, to look at all the miracle of life that surrounds us, the beauty of the seasons, the laughter and the innocence of little children, the smile and kindness of a stranger. We cannot fail to see the harshness of life too - poverty, neglect, unfairness, greed, cruelty, war and callousness. However, Easter also brings us renewed hope for the future. When we have faith in God, we have to believe that having sacrificed His only Son to save humankind, He will not abandon us, but like every loving father, He will forgive our foolishness and nurture and guide us into changing our ways.

Sharron

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 2 Corinthians 4 vs. 3 - 6 & Mark 9 vs. 2 - 9

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 2 Corinthians 5 vs. 20b - 6:10 & John 8 vs. 1 - 11

### Today's Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**We have started to issue Anniversary of Baptism cards to those children (and Adult's) who have been baptized at St Bede over the last 2 years.**

**We are issuing reminders in these cards of our services and we will be organising a 'special' morning worship later in the year for those celebrating an anniversary in 2018.**

### Please pray...

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

*We come before you, O Lord, with nothing except the gift of our hearts in prayer. Hear us and bring us your peace.*





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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](mailto: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.

## 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 few weeks to help with Tea, Coffee etc as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

## LENT PREPARATIONS

**Ash Wednesday** Holy Communion at St Bede - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 @ 7.30pm

**Lent Courses** at St Andrews starting @ 7.30pm;

Starting **Thursday 22nd February**  
This year's Lent Course is titled '**Reasons to Believe**' and will run every Thursday for 5 weeks.

22nd Feb: 'How do you know it's true?'

John Armstrong

1st March: 'Is the bible a myth?'

John Armstrong

8th March: 'Is Jesus unique?'

Tony Butterworth

15th March: 'Where is God in suffering?'

Julia Davies

22nd March: 'Open mike night'

AGAPE Meal on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm

# Dates for your Diary

## NEXT FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENT

Our next event will be **Afternoon Tea**, a charity event for the Chris Lucas Trust, in memory **Kyle Buckley**.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, 1-3pm in the Community Room.

Freshly made sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Posters and Flyers now available



## SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY

Do you have a favorite hymn? Is it not sung enough? Well, your prayers have been answered! We are looking to organize a "Songs of Praise" Sunday where we slightly adapt our morning service to sing all your favorite hymns.

Over the next few weeks we will distribute forms for you to complete for your requests and once we have collected all the requests, we will arrange our own "Songs of Praise". Further details to follow.



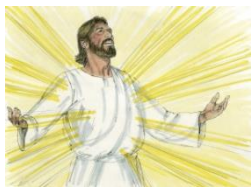
## WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website! We have added some links on the Children's page for our Rocks & Pebbles to access. Please encourage them to visit the page;

[www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk)

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



## The Transfiguration of Jesus

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. **Mark 9:2-4 (NIV)**

D Y G M S T A L K I N G I M J  
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 L L R V E T R R F E E H I Z E  
 C C L O T H E S H R E E C X N  
 C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES

Prayer:

Lord God, you chose to reveal your glory to me through the life and death of your Son, Jesus. Help me to live my life in the light of that glory.  
 Lord, let my life reflect you in everything I do.

Amen



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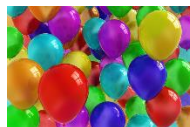
***As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.***

*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.***

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## 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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# More News & Cluster News...

## 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. The next club is **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

## LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP – WEEKEND AWAY

Application forms and prices now available for the April 2018 weekend away. Booking closes on **Friday 23rd February**. If people would like to book in then they can either do that at <http://www.deanechurch.org/lambweekend>, or there are some paper booking forms in church which people can complete and return to Deane Church Office.

## *Provisional Fundraising Dates for your Diary*

### AFTERNOON TEA – **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 1-3pm**

This is a fundraiser for the **Chris Lucas Trust**. This is a charity that researches childhood cancer and is supported by Carol Buckley – Kyle Buckley's Mum

Join us for fun and fellowship for this worthy cause.

### EASTER EGG BINGO – **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 – 7pm**

### FAMILY FUN QUIZ – **27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### FAMILY PRIZE RACE NIGHT – **TBC**

### SUMMER FUN DAY – **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 1-4pm**

Similar to our Strawberry Fayre but with a Fun Day combined! Stalls, Games, BBQ, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Dog show and more!

### LANCASHIRE NIGHT – **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Hot Pot Supper & entertainment

### HARVEST SUPPER QUIZ – **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Who will win the coveted St Bede Harvest Supper Quiz Trophy? Who will challenge Brush Nuts!!!

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE – **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



**WE PUT THE  
FUN  
IN FUNDRAISING**

