



# St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



13<sup>th</sup> January  
2019

Baptism of Christ

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Guest Editorial

It's a New Year "2019" and I wish all Happy New Year. The best news this week has been that the Licensing Service has been announced for our new Vicar Vinny Whitworth for **Monday 25th February 2019 at 7.30 pm** at St Bede. I hope everyone will put the date in their diaries now and come along. I am sure it will be a good service and a lovely welcome for Vinny in his new role here at St Bede and St. Andrews.

In our readings today we are told about Peter and John visiting Samaria to meet and pray with new believers. This was a new beginning for the believers when Peter and John lay hands on them and the believers received the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading the Holy Spirit is sent down when Jesus was being baptised by John. The Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove and the Lord told everyone that he was pleased with his Son. We have all been praying for Vinny and his family in their preparations to leave St. Peter's and their forthcoming start here. These prayers need to continue, and I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit can be with each one of us in the year ahead as together we bring the Good News and Gospel to the community of Morris Green and beyond and in Over Hulton in St Andrews Parish with the guidance and leadership of Vinny

Gill Blackburn - Church Warden &  
ALM

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: Acts 8 vs 14 – 17 & Luke 3 vs. 15 – 17, 21-22

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 1 Corinthians 12 vs 1 – 11 & John 2 vs. 1 – 11

### Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour



### Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda  
Jeff  
Baby Anthony  
Jean  
Marlene  
Michael  
Doreen  
Minti  
Ronnie  
Gabrielle  
The Family of Mark  
Carys  
Colin  
Toby  
Baby Louie  
Rachel  
John  
Johanna  
John  
Norma & David  
Healing for Sarah  
Keith  
Bernard  
Edward  
Norman  
Lynn

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





## News...

### CHURCH ARMY

The Church Army Prayer Diaries for the New Year are now on the table in the Foyer of the Church. Also, you will find the Church Army Impact Report ('Everyone, Everywhere'). this booklet tells you what their work includes and it's full of information about everything the Church Army do. **PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF EACH ONE.** We receive 10 copies and it would be good to not waste this resource. Please take a copy, they are free.

### LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE 2019

How should Christians live? The church should be a distinctive community of God's people—but how different are we from the rest of the world? This seven-week track helps us untangle some of the false ideas and traditions that evangelicals have had in the past and reveals the more deeply challenging picture that emerges from Scripture.

Given that there are seven sessions with this course we would likely need to begin it in the week beginning **Sunday 24th February.** We will, however, be asking for a small donation from each person attending the sessions to help pay for the materials we want to use.

Please can you let Gill or Jean know if this is something you would be interested in.

Thank you.



### CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Well done to Will Bateson for winning the competition!

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Theme this Year - "**Torn from Home**"  
The service is organised by Bolton Council, Bolton Interfaith Council and supported by many groups in the Borough.

Please do attend and if anyone wishes to contribute with a Reading- poetry, personal story.music etc -please see Tony for details.

Bolton do well with participation and support at this Service with many contributions from schools and community groups hence they are hoping that will be same again this year.

For more information about the HMD- please visit the [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk) website



### FUNDRAISING

If you have any ideas for how we can raise our much-needed funds, please let us know. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2019 is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** in the Community Room and **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Manchester



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

## BAPTISM

### Do you know where you were baptised?

Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan. When Jesus came out of the water, the Spirit of God descended like a dove upon him and the voice of the Father from heaven declared, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

When you were baptised, it was probably in a font, not a river. Water would have been poured over your head three times; once for the Father, once for the Son and once for the Holy Spirit. You were immersed in God. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his ministry. Our baptism marks the beginning of our new life in Jesus and we should remember this every day of our life. We should enjoy being in the peace, in the power and in the presence of God every day.

How many words from today's Gospel reading from St Luke can you find below?

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

Spirit  
opened  
people

John  
Jesus  
praying

voice  
dove  
heaven

Christ  
powerful  
Holy

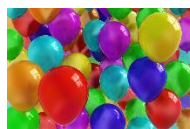
fire  
water  
baptize

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

*St Bede 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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