



13<sup>th</sup> May  
2018

Sunday after Ascension Day

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

There are three main scriptures which give us the historical record of the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are **Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51** and **Acts 1:9**; and it is clear from these statements that our Saviour, who was crucified, who died and was buried and who rose again – ascended! This He did forty days after He rose again from the dead. We are apt to neglect the doctrine of the ascension of our Lord. We give far too little attention to this period in His earthly life than we do, for instance, to His birth, temptation, baptism, transfiguration, miracles and death. Yet it is true to say that all these earlier events in the life of our Lord would lose their significance without the fact of His ascension. Every real Christian is a living proof of an ascended Lord! We are saved by an ascended Lord (Hebrews 7:25); we are kept, moment by moment, by an ascended Lord (Jude 24); we live in constant fellowship with an ascended Lord (1 John 1:3); we are represented before the Father by our Great Advocate, an ascended Lord (1 John 2:1); and the fact that our ascended Lord is with the Father is the guarantee of our life (John 14:19-20). How important the truth and the reality of His ascension are! *Tony*

## Today's Service

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: Acts 1 vs. 1-11 & John 17 vs. 6 – 19

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: Acts 2 vs. 1-21 & John 15 vs. 26 – 27 & 16 vs. 4<sup>b</sup> - 15

### Today's Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.



### Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda Kelly  
Janet Wall - for her closeness to God  
Jeff Archibold  
Baby Anthony Ross Evans  
Jean Heyes  
Marlene Wolstencroft  
Michael Harmsworth  
Doreen Ridyard  
Minti Radia  
Ronnie Ditchfield  
Margaret Hayes  
Gabrielle Ridyard  
Bill & Joyce Bancroft  
Mark Emerson  
Andrew Taylor  
Carys Leonard  
Petra Bryan  
Colin Stiff  
Toby Matthews  
Baby Louie  
Dean, Kirsty & Max  
Rachel Baillie  
John Hirst

*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.

## POSTERS

Our Church needs more advertising by poster for our fundraising events. If you are prepared to display our posters, please see Freda Turner. Thank you



Café Create is the heart of Create Bolton, where people come to enjoy Fair Trade coffee, homemade cakes and yummy light lunches. There is always something Creative happening, so you can join in and get creative, bring your own crafts or just relax and enjoy the ambiance.

The cafe is open - **Friday 10am - 2pm** and **Saturday 10am - 2pm**

There are also wonderful crafts and gifts available for you to purchase and browse in the retail area, which promotes the skills of local crafters, creators and artists.

Create Bolton  
Claremont House  
Bark Street Entrance  
Bolton  
BL1 2BY



Between 10 - 20 May, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Pledge to pray as an individual, with your family or as a church. See Tony for a list of useful resources.

## News...

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A service of confirmation will take place in St Bede at 6.30 on **May 27th** by the Bishop of Bolton and Confirmation classes have commenced for our candidates. Please note that there will be no class on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### LONE VISITS TO CHURCH

Just a reminder to those who have keys for Church, if you do come into church by yourself, please ensure someone is aware where you are.

### OUR FAITH, OUR PLANET, OUR ACTIONS

#### **Manchester Cathedral / 7 June**

Bringing people together to learn about climate change and to identify ways of taking practical action to reduce their carbon footprint.

People of all faiths or none are very welcome. Free entry.

For further information, see Tony



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 Ascension of Jesus*

*'When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.'* **Luke 24:50-53**

This year Ascension Day was celebrated on Thursday 10 May. Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday and it is the day when we remember Jesus' ascension into Heaven. The bible tells us that Jesus literally rose from the ground gradually and visibly, seen by many people around him. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus as he ascended, a cloud hid Him from view. Two angels appeared and promised that Jesus would one day return, in just the same way that they watched Him go. The Ascension was the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and marked the return of His heavenly glory - he had accomplished all that He had come to do on earth. It also allowed Him to prepare a place for us in Heaven.

### The Ascension of Jesus - Wordsearch

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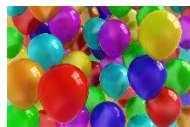


*As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.*

*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.*



## 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...

### MANCHESTER AND SALFORD WHIT WALKS 2018

Come and join us on the Annual Manchester and Salford Whit Walks - **Bank Holiday Monday 28 May**. A great opportunity to witness our faith on the streets of the city centre!

Programme for the day:

- 9.30am Assemble behind Manchester Cathedral
- 10am Procession sets off to march to Albert Square
- 10.45am Act of Worship in Albert Square
- 11.30am Procession sets off from Albert Square to return to Manchester Cathedral

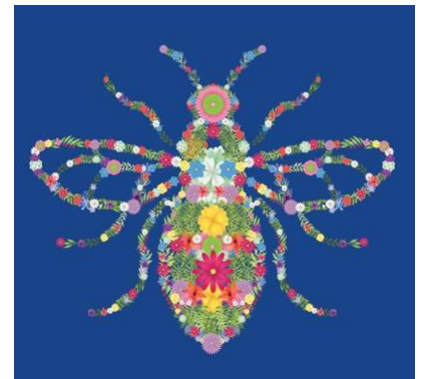
### 'The Spirit of Manchester' Flower Festival

St Ann's Church, St Ann's Square M2 7LF / 21 May: 10am - 10pm

*The Spirit of Manchester' Flower Festival to commemorate the anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing.*

Following this heart-breaking event, St Ann's Square became a shrine to those who were killed in the attack, with mourners flocking to the city to pay their respects, leave floral tributes and to show solidarity with one another.

St Ann's Church also became a focal point, for people seeking solace, comfort and support



### Be a Chorister for a Day

**Manchester Cathedral / 9 June**

Explore the Cathedral, try on chorister robes and have a go at brass-rubbing!

This is a free event. All music will be provided.

To book a place please contact the Worship & Music Administrator on 0161 833 2220 (ext. 238).

