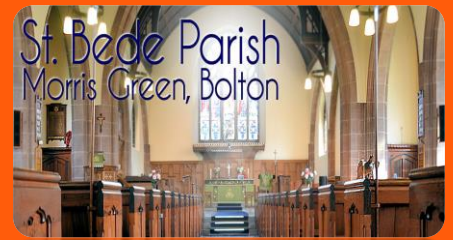




# St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le -Moors



15<sup>th</sup> July  
2018

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

It is so easy to face new failures and fears and to lose faith in God's plan for your life. We begin to question if God is real and if He cares about us at all.

Faith is, for many, very personal to them. For others it can be very apparent. Then there is the middle of the road faith. None of these are right or wrong. God knows you and you know God. He chooses us to do His bidding, whether that be preaching the Good News at the top of your voice or ensuring there is enough milk for coffee after the morning worship. He has chosen you to do what you do as we all have a part to play in His plan and believe me when I say, He does have a plan for each and every one of us.

Never lose your faith, keep it strong in good times and bad. Encourage each other and if you get a feeling that someone needs a friendly smile or a pat on the shoulder or even a hug and that feeling is so strong inside you, that is God's plan for you at that particular time. Do it and don't be afraid!

REMEMBER, GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Create Praise !**

Readings are: 2 Corinthians 12 vs. 2 – 10 & Mark 6 vs. 1 – 13

Next week is **Together for God !**

Readings are: Ephesians 2 vs. 11 – 22 & Mark 6 vs. 30 – 34 & 53 - 56

### Today's Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is as small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord

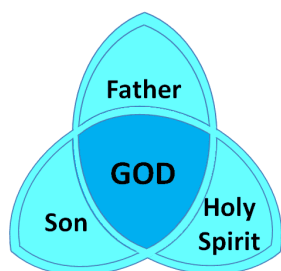


### Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda  
Janet - for her closeness to God  
Jeff  
Baby Anthony  
Jean  
Marlene  
Michael  
Doreen  
Minti  
Ronnie  
Margaret  
Gabrielle  
Bill & Joyce  
Mark  
Carys  
Colin  
Toby  
Baby Louie  
Rachel  
John  
John  
Norma & David  
Healing for Sarah  
The Family of David, especially Miriam & Ellie

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





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.

### FORWARD THINKING...

We have always prided ourselves on our forward-thinking PCC.

After an exciting 'pitch' by Tony Whitehead, the PCC unanimously agreed funding for a Projector and a screen to be installed in Church. This is to enhance primarily our TFG worship but also our other services too. It will be an important interactive tool in our growing technological society. It is hoped that our young people will use this and take part more. We are hoping this will encourage the Academy to engage more with us too.

Here is what Tony had to say;

"Mission should be second nature to Christians but sometimes we need the tools to do this effectively and to engage the young as well as older. We must accept that the technology is here to stay and will only get more and more and better and better and I want to ensure that St Bede is equipped to face this head on and be future proofed for all eventualities. This piece of equipment can be used in multiple ways; and this will be the dawn of a new era to St Bede."

### IT ALL COSTS MONEY!

The volunteers we have in Church do an excellent job and they give up their own time for free. Imagine how much it would cost if we had staff to pay!

It is worth mentioning, that to keep our doors open week in week out costs approximately **£850.00 a week**. That's around £20.00 per adult/family unit based on an average adult attendance of 43

That includes heating, electric, parish share and other bills.

This is why fundraising is so important to our Church. We need to 'top up' our regular giving. There are other ways we can accomplish this, Legacy gift for example.

## News...

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE SPENDING VOUCHERS

If you would like to spread the cost of Christmas Fayre spending, Freda will have these vouchers at 50p each, every Sunday. It really does help!

### LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

We currently have 2 vacancies for PCC appointed school governors for the Academy. If this is something you may be interested in, please speak to Rev. Malcolm.

### ST SWITHIN'S FUNDRAISER

All pledges should be made TODAY!

### FUND RAISING/SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Community Room. All new members and ideas most welcome!

### A GOOD TIME TO WRITE A WILL

Are you one of the **6 out of 10 people who has not made a Will**, or you made it several years ago and your circumstances have changed?

For nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a Will. Without a Will, your loved ones could face a lot of trouble, work and expense after your death. Without a Will, a court could decide how to distribute your goods and who should look after your children or dependents.

When writing your Will, you also have the opportunity to include a gift in your will to your local church. For more information please contact one of the churchwardens or visit the Church of England Legacy website [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.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.

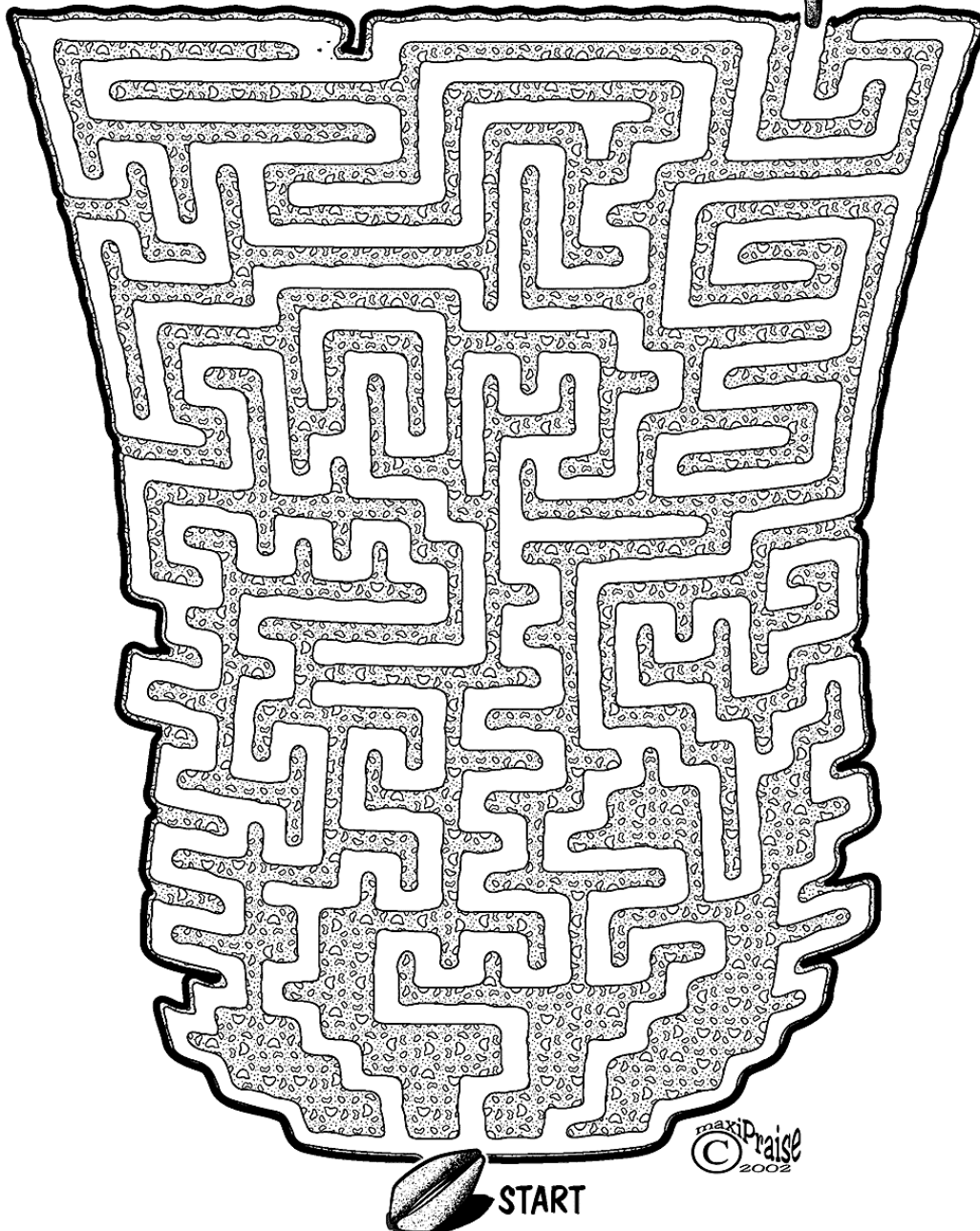
# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

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## The Seed Growing Secretly

The seed needs to rise up through the earth and sprout.  
Find the right route for the shoot to travel.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is as if a gardener sows seed in the earth. He then can go and rest, sleep, get up the next day and live his life. While he does this, the seed will rise, sprout, become a blade and then grow into a plant with grain, corn or fruit ready for harvest. When the harvest is ripe and ready, the gardener will go out and will reap, cutting and taking the grain, corn or fruit and leaving what is not useful to him.



*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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## Meet our new Mission Partnership Administrator

Hello from the Church Administrator for St Andrew's and St Bede's.

My name is Elaine Almond and I took up my post on 4<sup>th</sup> June, working around 10 hours a week flexibly across both Churches, spending some of my time actually in St Andrew's. This is a 3 year contract and is a new post for both Churches. I am currently finding my feet with the help of the Church wardens, due to the current clergy vacancy.

The aim of the post is to provide administrative support to the clergy team and be a first point of contact for matters relating to St Andrew's and St Bede's.

Responsibilities include:

- To assist with the administration of baptisms, weddings and funerals
- To assist in ensuring that appropriate statistics are collated for Diocesan requirements
- To Assist with the preparation of publicity for Sunday services
- To manage room bookings and invoicing

This list is not definitive but will develop as the post becomes embedded and I'm sure the new incumbent will have ideas of their own.

Although I'm enjoying my retirement I'm also very excited to have the opportunity to work with both Churches in this new role and hope I can count on your support in this new venture.

*Elaine Almond*