



St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



16th
December
2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Last Sunday we were privileged to watch our Church Family children performing their version of the Christmas Story. Thanks, Carol, Rachael, Sharon, Sue and the children. Over the years, I have watched probably in the region of 50 nativity plays and I never fail to be moved by the innocence and enthusiasm (sometimes, and sometimes the shyness and reluctance to be dressed in an old tea towel for a headdress!) of those who willingly (or unwillingly) take part in portraying the greatest story ever told. Of course, it is not just a sweet story but the very real event of 2,000 years ago when God took human form and came to earth as an innocent little baby Jesus, his only Son, to experience joy, laughter, betrayal and the agony of an horrific death and He did all this for us so that we may know eternal forgiveness and redemption. What an amazing gift was that? No matter how we fuss and fret over getting the "perfect Christmas gift" for someone we love, we will never, ever, receive a "perfect gift" that could come anywhere near as precious as the gift of God's love and forgiveness which He gave us through the life and death of Jesus His Son. So remember His "perfect gift" and rejoice in His love for us and may it bring you peace and joy throughout your lives. God bless.

Sharon

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**

Readings are: Philippians 4 vs 4 – 7
& Luke 3 vs. 7 – 18

Next week **Family Communion**

Readings are: Hebrews 10 vs 5 – 10
& Luke 1 vs. 39 – 45 (46-55)

Today's Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way of your Son: give
us courage to speak the truth, to
hunger for justice, and to suffer for
the cause of right, with Jesus Christ
our Lord



Please pray...

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

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





News...



CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

It's the FINAL week of our competition! Look out for today's picture and clue on our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Website! Place your entry forms in the box provided at the back of church and the winner will be announced next week!!

FUNDRAISING

The raffle run by Bianca Stones (Joshua's mum) of 'Kevin the Carrot' raised over £200 for Church funds. Also, the St Bede stall held at the Mayors Christmas Fayre also raised over £200.00 for Church Funds. Many thanks to Bianca and to those who helped run the stall at the Mayors fair for all your efforts and all those who supported.



ADVENT VIGILS

The Ministry Team will be hosting the last vigil this Wednesday starting at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

- 2nd December 10am Toy Service
- 9th December 10am Celebration of Christmas
- 11th December 6pm School Carol Service in Church
- 11th December 7.30pm Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise
- 16th & 23rd December 10am Family Communion
- 24th December 6.30pm Carols around the Tree
- 25th December 10am Holy Communion



STAR IDEAS FOR FAMILIES – ADVENT CHALLENGES – WEEK 3

Star string: On a table near the front, there are some yellow stars. During today's prayers, please come up and write a member of your family or friends on one side and a one-word prayer on the other side, such as 'hope' or 'peace'. We will then tie these together and display in church during the rest of Advent and during Christmastide

Star Secret: at a family Christmas gathering, write each person's name on a star. Put them in a basket or a hat. Each person then draws out a name and during the day, they secretly find a way of being as star for that person who's name they chose. If you draw your own name put it back!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The 2018 Christmas Messages are attached to this newsletter

SANTA NEEDED!

Wyevale Garden Centre, Wigan Road, Bolton urgently need a Santa for next week. The sessions would be on Monday 17th at 10am-11am, Tuesday 18th at 10am-11am and 3pm-4pm, Wednesday 19th at 10am-11am and 3pm-4pm, Thursday 20th at 10am-11am and 3pm-4pm. The outfit would be provided. There is a £20 payment per session towards a charitable cause.

If anyone can help please contact Caroline or David directly, at Wyevale Garden Centre on 01204 661627.



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 ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is four candles on an evergreen wreath. The perfect circle of the wreath symbolises the eternity of God. Each Sunday during **Advent**, one of the four red candles on the wreath is lit to symbolise the coming of Jesus Christ. As each candle is lit we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The white central candle, called the Christ candle is lit on Christmas Day reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world. The Advent wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

Colour your own advent wreath to keep as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World and that we await his second coming

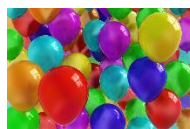


As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

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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