



# St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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17<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2017

Celebration of Christmas

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

The Third Sunday of Advent is often referred to as Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday. The title comes from the beginning of the Latin introit for this Sunday, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete" ("Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice," Philippians 4:4).

With only one more Sunday before Christmas, the liturgy takes on a more eager and urgent sense of anticipation. It is not surprising that the verbs "sing" and "rejoice" are heard more and more as we head towards Christmas Day.

Next week, the Gospel will foretell the birth of Jesus. Further on in the scripture you will read perhaps the most beloved canticle outside of the psalms: Mary's "Magnificat." - **My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

So, let us rejoice in the Lord; again I say, **rejoice!**

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Celebration of Christmas**

Next week is **All Age Holy Communion** Readings are: Romans 16 vs. 25 – 27 & Luke 1 vs. 26 – 38



### 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, to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Please pray...

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

The prayer list has been updated, if you feel we have missed someone off who still needs our prayers, please don't hesitate to let Sharron or Tony know and we will add their names back onto the list.



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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.

## OFFER ON INSURANCE

Ecclesiastical Insurance now provide home insurance for individuals and will give our Church a financial sum if we encourage parishioners to apply and take up their offer. Please see David or Elaine Almond for further details.

**Thank You!**

Last Saturday was the Mayor's Christmas Fayre and St Bede had a stall there which raised over £100.00. Our Thanks go to Norma Magnall who supplied all the goods for the Stall.

Also to Stephen Brobbin (Tony's brother) for designing the Christmas Greetings sheet this year.



# Dates for your Diary

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise – 7.30pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Christmas Eve – All Age Communion – 10.00am

Christmas Eve – Carols around the Tree – 6.30pm

Christmas Day – Holy Communion – Joy to the World - 10.00am

CHECK OUT OUR BANNER UNDER THE MAIN STAINED-GLASS WINDOW OUTSIDE SHOWING WE ARE A LIVING BREATHING CHURCH

## NEXT FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENT

Our next event will be a Winter Warmer Luncheon on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Community Room starting at 12.30pm.

Ticket price includes Meat & Potato pie and Gateaux for afterwards.

Tickets will be priced at £6.00 for Adults & £4.00 for Children and will be available soon after Christmas.

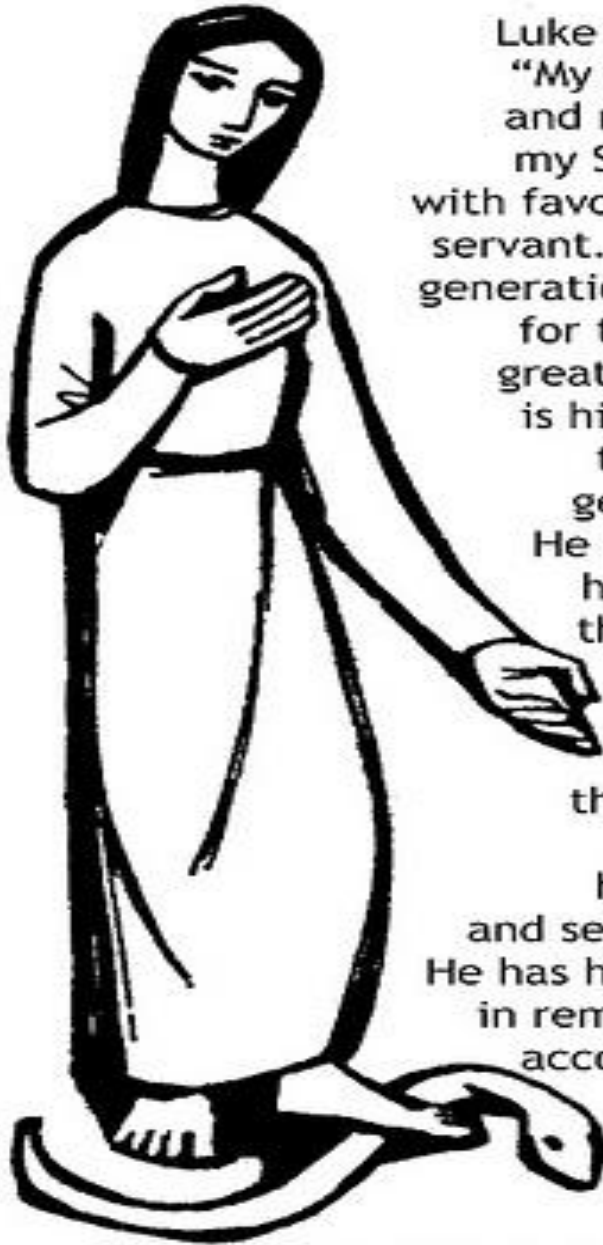


Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

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## Mary's Hymn of Praise

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Luke 1:46-55 - And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior, for he has looked  
with favor on the lowliness of his  
servant. Surely, from now on all  
generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me, and holy  
is his name. His mercy is for  
those who fear him from  
generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with  
his arm; he has scattered  
the proud in the thoughts  
of their hearts. He has  
brought down the  
powerful from their  
thrones, and lifted up the  
lowly; he has filled the  
hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he  
made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his  
descendants forever."

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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...

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

## OUR NEW ARCHDEACON HAS BEEN TWEETED!!



**David Bailey** @52000Bailey · 2d  
Delighted that my successor has been appointed. Great news for @DioManchester and especially #BoltonArchdeaconry

**DioceseofManchester** @DioManc...

We're delighted to announce our new Archdeacon of Bolton will be Canon Jean Burgess from Derby Diocese [ow.ly/pLGX30h65TK](https://ow.ly/pLGX30h65TK)



## LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP – WEEKEND AWAY

Application forms and prices now available for the April 2018 weekend away. Please see Gill – Churchwarden – for more information.

Our thanks go to Armstrong's Bakers on Morris Green Lane for the very kind donation of today's Mince Pies!



## Armstrongs Bakers

We are a small family Bakers & Confectioners  
based in Morris Green Lane, Bolton.  
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