



17th
February
2019

3rd Sunday before Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

In order to understand the importance of Christian fellowship, we must first understand what Christian fellowship is and what it isn't. The Greek words translated "fellowship" in the New Testament mean essentially a partnership to the mutual benefit of those involved. Christian fellowship, then, is the mutually beneficial relationship between Christians, who can't have the identical relationship with those outside the faith. We can have friendships and relationships with unbelievers, but true Christian fellowship can only occur within the body of Christ. We are united to one another by common beliefs, purposes and goals. Our hearts and minds are "other-worldly" because we follow Jesus Christ, who said that His kingdom is not of this world ([John 18:36](#)). We know that we are strangers in this world, and we long for the time when we will be in our true home, heaven. The importance of true Christian fellowship is that it reinforces these things in our mind and helps us to focus on Christ and His desires and goals for us. As iron sharpens iron, in true Christian fellowship Christians sharpen one another's faith and stir one another to exercise that faith in love and good works, all to God's glory.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: I Corinthians 15 vs 12 – 20 & Luke 4 vs. 17 – 26

Next week is **Together for God** Readings are: Revelation 4 & Luke 8 vs. 22 – 25

Today's Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord

Lent
pilgrim



Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda
Jeff

Baby Anthony
Jean

Marlene

Michael

Doreen

Minti

Ronnie

Gabrielle

Carys

Colin

Toby

Baby Louie

Rachel

John

Johanna

John

Norma & David

The family of Keith in their sad loss

Bernard

Edward

Lynn

Andrew

Will

Barbara

Sarah

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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News...

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE 2019

Below is the list of Lent groups being offered this year to those who have signed up starting week beginning **Sunday 24th**

February;

Tuesday

7:30pm, Lostock Church Centre.
Leader: Terry Clark

Wednesday

1:30pm, 15 Brampton Road.
Leader: Elizabeth Plant

Thursday

10:00am, Lostock Church Centre.
Leader: Ben Wilkinson

7:30pm, Deane Church Centre.
Leader: Ben Wilkinson

7:30pm, St Andrew's Fellowship Room.
Leader: various

7:30pm, St Bede's Community Room.
Leaders: Gill Blackburn and Carol Hardman

Friday

10:00am, Deane Church Centre.
Leader Terry Clark

REV VINNY WHITWORTH – LICENCING SERVICE

Vinny's licensing service will take place on **Monday 25th February at 7.30pm** here at St Bede. Please do come along to welcome Vinny and his family to life at St Bede and St Andrew's.

SOUVENIR PENS FOR SALE

We have some pens for sale with our Church name engraved on them. At only £1.50 each, get yours whilst stocks last! Please see Norma or Tony



LUNCHEON CLUB

There are vacancies for the 'Wednesday 4 Lunch' luncheon club which meets in St Bede's Church on Normanby Street, Morris Green, Bolton on the first Wednesday of every month at 12.00noon for lunch which is served at 12.30pm. You will be made most welcome to meet other folk (who will soon become friends) and enjoy a substantial hot home-cooked 2 course meal which includes a soft drink and tea and coffee and all for £5.80! If you would like to come or know someone else who would like to join us (you don't have to be Church members), please contact Sharron on 07941317502. Places need to be booked in advance for catering purposes. Please can you circulate this notice to your friends and neighbours?

FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

Wednesday 6th March is the 1st day of Lent. I have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent remove one item from your wardrobe that you no longer wear or need and place it into a black bin liner. At the end of forty days, bring these to Church and we will arrange to donate them to help someone that will really need them. Black bin liners are at the back of Church – please take one. St Andrews are joining with us with this challenge!

PRAYER LIST

Please can I ask that if you have asked to add someone to the prayer list, can you review our current list to see if they still need to stay on the list. Thank You.

POWER
of
PRAYER

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of _____.

Blessed are those who _____, for they shall be _____.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall _____ the earth.

Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after _____, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall obtain _____.

Blessed are the pure in _____, for they shall _____ God.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall be called _____ of God.

Blessed are those who have been _____ for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your _____ in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. children	5. Heaven	9. mercy	13. poor
2. comforted	6. hunger	10. mourn	14. reward
3. gentle	7. inherit	11. peacemakers	15. righteousness
4. heart	8. merciful	12. persecuted	16. see

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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NEW TEAM WELCOMED

The 'first wave' of our Children Changing Places team was commissioned at a special Evensong at Manchester Cathedral this week by the Bishop of Middleton, Mark Davies.

The team will be working across three deaneries in Bolton, creating pathways for Christian discipleship around points of transition for children, families, carers and communities

CHILDREN CHANGING PLACES WILL ENGAGE CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS IN THE BOLTON AREA TO CREATE NEW DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAYS FOR CHILDREN.

The project will have a particular impact when children reach the key points of moving into primary education or from primary to secondary education. It will focus on building strong links between the home, church and school to create discipleship pathways from toddler group to secondary school and beyond.

The Children Changing Places project will start in the early years, helping existing toddler groups to become more intentionally Christian and creating 10 new toddler groups across three deaneries. It will encourage and establish new worshipping communities such as Messy Church and Messy Tots.

Work will also develop to create discipleship pathways within primary schools, perhaps looking at how church could take place in school, or how children can be encouraged on their faith journeys through ethos groups and worship groups.

In September 2019, three Chaplaincy Assistants will begin their work alongside the Chaplains in three CE high schools in the Bishop Fraser Multi Academy Trust. The Project will provide 'safe landing' and further discipleship opportunities for those children in our Bolton CE primary schools as they transition to CE high schools. This will develop and nurture their faith as they continue along their Christian discipleship pathway.

The Bishop Bridgeman CE primary school is a stunning exemplar of how a CE primary school, in a missional manner, can develop the discipleship pathway of its pupils, within a multicultural and multi faith environment.

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