



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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18th
February
2018

1st Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

For Christians fasting and prayer often go hand in hand,

'Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.' (Acts 14)

Christians believe that the purpose of fasting is to take a person's focus away from the things of the world and onto God. Fasting and prayer is believed to be a way a person gains a new perspective and a renewed reliance upon God. Fasting should never be used in order for a person to boast about their superior spirituality but it should be done in a spirit of humility and a joyful attitude. Matthew 6:16-18

'When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.'

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 1 Peter 3 vs. 18-end & Mark 1 vs. 9 – 15

Next week is **Together for God** Readings are: Romans 4 vs. 13-end & Mark 8 vs. 31 – end

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom & prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have started to issue Anniversary of Baptism cards to those children (and Adult's) who have been baptized at St Bede over the last 2 years.

We are issuing reminders in these cards of our services and we will be organising a 'special' morning worship later in the year for those celebrating an anniversary in 2018.

Please pray...

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

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.

LENT PREPARATIONS

Lent Courses at St Andrews starting @ 7.30pm;

Starting **Thursday 22nd February**

This year's Lent Course is titled '**Reasons to Believe**' and will run every Thursday for 5 weeks.

22nd Feb: 'How do you know it's true?'

John Armstrong

1st March: 'Is the bible a myth?'

John Armstrong

8th March: 'Is Jesus unique?'

Tony Butterworth

15th March: 'Where is God in suffering?'

Julia Davies

22nd March: 'Open mike night'

AGAPE Meal on Thursday 29th March @ 7.00pm

LENTEN FILM BOX FILL

Freda & Rodney are again operating this fund raiser for the duration of Lent. The film boxes are at the back of church and we encourage everyone to fill as many as they can with 50p or/and 20p's. The total contents will be shared between church and our 2018 charity; The Church Army. There are information books on the table in the porch to give you an insight into what they do for the needy. Please help in this as your Lenten commitment and money can be handed in when you have a full box until Easter Day. Thank you

CHURCH ARMY

Dates for your Diary

NEXT FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENT

Our next event will be **Afternoon Tea**, a charity event for the Chris Lucas Trust, in memory **Kyle Buckley**.

Saturday 24th February 2018, 1-3pm in the Community Room.

Freshly made sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Posters and Flyers now available



SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY

Do you have a favourite hymn? Is it not sung enough? Well, your prayers have been answered! We are looking to organize a "Songs of Praise" Sunday where we slightly adapt our morning service to sing all your favourite hymns.

Over the next few weeks we will distribute forms for you to complete for your requests and once we have collected all the requests, we will arrange our own "Songs of Praise". Further details to follow.



DONATIONS PLEASE!!!!

We require donations of Easter Eggs for our BINGO night on Friday 23rd March.

There will be boxes near the font at the back of church for all donations. Eggs of all sizes required as well as large chocolate bars please. Further details of the night will follow shortly. Many thanks.

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

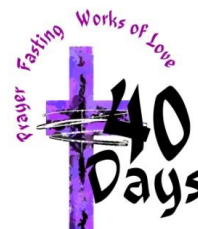
LENT PROMISES

After Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, in the river Jordan, it was time for him to do the work the Father had sent him to do. Jesus had to be sure that he made the right decisions and so, guided by the Holy Spirit, he went into the wilderness (a very lonely place), so that he could spend time with the Father. During this time he would give his love to the Father and know that the Father loved him, and he would spend time deciding on the future plans that God the Father wanted him to do. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness fasting and praying, to prepare himself for the difficult things that were to come.

The season of Lent began last Wednesday (called Ash Wednesday). Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Just as Jesus had 40 days in the wilderness, Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is a time when we can think and pray about all that Jesus has done for us and how we can best serve God and do what he wants us to do. Some people make a promise to give something up during the 40 days of Lent, for example, not eating chocolate or sweets, not playing on the X-box or Playstation, giving up social media, etc. Others observe Lent by promising to do good for other people, such as collecting food for the Grub Tub for Urban Outreach, filling one of the St Bede's film boxes with 20 p coins, doing chores for family and friends, 40 random acts of kindness, etc (*visit <https://4oacts.org.uk/> 40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges to make a difference*). Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry, Lent is a good time for us to dedicate ourselves to following Jesus; to draw closer to God.

What sort of things will you promise to do this Lent?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40



Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME

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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LUNCHEON CLUB

The luncheon club meets on **the first Wednesday of every month at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm** in the community room. A beautiful nourishing 2 course (main course and dessert) freshly home-cooked hot meal which includes a soft drink plus coffee/tea is served at a cost of £5.80. There are a few vacancies available and we would love to see you. Meals need to be ordered in advance, so if you or anyone you know would like to join us once a month, please let Sharron Howard know. The next club is **Wednesday 7th February 2018**

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP – WEEKEND AWAY

Application forms and prices now available for the April 2018 weekend away. Booking closes on **Friday 23rd February**. If people would like to book in then they can either do that at <http://www.deanechurch.org/lambweekend>, or there are some paper booking forms in church which people can complete and return to Deane Church Office.

LIVERPOOL TALL SHIPS

Josie and Elizabeth from Deane Church (St Mary's) invite ladies (and accompanying gentlemen!) from the church family to join them on a Grayway coach trip to the Tall Ships Festival in Liverpool on **Saturday 26th May**. The cost is £13.00. If they can get 15 participants the coach will pick up at Deane Church at 9.45am (otherwise it will be at Bolton Interchange at 10am)

If you wish to go along, please put your money in an envelope clearly labelled to Josie or Elizabeth and pass to Pat Bristow or Tony Whitehead by **Wednesday 21st March** at the latest.



Our own, Will Bateson will be doing a sponsored hair colour and leg wax in aid of the Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 24 February at Scissor Sisters Hair and Beauty Salon on Lavender Road, Farnworth, Bolton. This charity is close to his heart, having lost a family member to this life-altering illness. He felt inspired to arrange a charity event to not only raise funds for this worthy cause but also to raise awareness of research into this illness. Will, a student at Canon Slade Sixth Form, is being supported by his friends and family at the event and would be extremely grateful for any sponsorship he can, to raise as much money as possible for the charity. A sponsor form will be available at the back of church for anyone who wishes to sponsor him. You can also make a donation by visiting his Just Giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/willbateson>

Thank you for your support

CEILID

Lostock Parish Centre are holding a CEILID on the **24th March at 7pm**, including supper, with a live band for £6. This event is open to all four churches and is TICKET only so please let Tony know if you are interested.

VARIOUS CONCERTS COMING UP IN OUR LOCAL AREA

Leeland (Bethel Music) part of big church night out, venue The Edge, Wigan, **22nd March**.

Will Reagan and United Pursuit, venue the lighthouse venue, Salford, **13th March**.