



# St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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## 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

“do not fear anything for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you; I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand”  
Isaiah 41:10

We all face situations in life that feel out of control. During times like these, it's easy to get discouraged and allow fear to creep in, but instead why don't you focus on the fact that God is holding you in the palm of His hand. there is nothing too difficult for Him, nothing is impossible, nothing beyond His ability. When God holds you in His hand, you are safe; you are cared for. In His hand there is victory. In His hand there is strength. In His hand there is provision. In His hand is everything you need.

No matter what you may be going through today, you can trust that God is for you. Instead of getting depressed over your circumstances, look up and get a vision of God turning that situation around. Remember He holds you in His victorious right hand!

Have a good week! Sharron

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion and Groups** Readings are: Hebrews 5 vs. 5-10 & John 12 vs. 20-33

Next week is **Family Communion – Palm Sunday** Readings are: Philippians 2 vs. 5-11 & Mark 15 vs. 1-39 (40-end)

### Today's Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, 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 – for Bill's soul and for his family in their sad loss  
Mark Emerson  
Andrew Taylor  
Carys Leonard  
Petra Bryan  
Colin Stiff  
Toby Matthews  
Baby Louie  
Dean, Kirsty & Max

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





## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

Today, we say farewell to our Priest in Charge, Rev John Armstrong and his wife Helen as they move to pastures new.

We are holding a Bring & Share Lunch after today's service, which is John's last one at St Bede.

I am sure you will join the Editorial Team, Ministry Team and the PCC in wishing John & Helen every blessing for their future.

## News...

### SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY

We are looking to organize a "Songs of Praise" Sunday where we slightly adapt our morning service to sing all your favourite hymns.

You will find forms at the back of Church 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.



### OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next Fundraising/Social event is the **Easter Egg Bingo** on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018** at 7:00pm in the Church Community Room. Entrance is by Ticket only and the price includes 6 games of Bingo. Ticket costs are **£5.00 for Adults** and **£3.00 for children**. Additional *flyers* will be available to purchase on the night. We have limited space so get yours quick from Sharron Howard TODAY!!

Light Refreshments will also be available

### DONATIONS PLEASE!!!!

We require donations of Easter Eggs for our BINGO night on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Many thanks

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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.

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

**"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.' *John 12:27-29***

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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.*



## 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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