



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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19th
November
2017

2nd Before Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

The season of Christmas is once again almost upon us. When you read this, our Christmas Fair will have happened and (hopefully) been a great success with "Tyrone" played in Corrie by the lovely Alan Halsall having been our official opener. As a Church family, we have lots to look forward to this Christmas, the tree is up and decorated in the Chancel (thanks to all the volunteers) and I will be decorating the Church with the usual greenery and candles on Saturday 25th November from 2.30pm (volunteers always welcome) to be ready in time for lighting of the first Advent candle. We will also be having our Celebration for Christmas in December and the children will be working hard learning the songs and practicing for the nativity. Please support them by making sure they attend groups and encourage all the family to come to the Service. Christmas has become so commercialised and we are all drawn into the mad dash around and can succumb to the pressure and sometimes feel that we dread Christmas coming. The advertisers all want to sell us "the perfect Christmas" to persuade us to buy their products. Christmas isn't about perfect turkeys, perfect decorations, perfect gifts, it is a time of joy when we remember and celebrate the miracle of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with our families and friends. So let us enjoy the coming of the most joyous of our Christian celebrations and concentrate on what the important message of Christmas is all about, and that is the hope for all mankind and the coming of light into a dark world

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 1

Thessalonians 5 vs. 1 - 11 &
Matthew 25 vs. 14 - 30

Next week is **Together for God**

Readings are: Ephesians 1 vs. 15 -
end & Matthew 25 vs. 31 - end

Today's Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the
world's salvation: stir us from
apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that
all creation will one day be
healed in 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
Gillian Whitehead
Audrey Mahoney

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.



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
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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

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 Almond for further details.

Dates for your Diary

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thanks to all who helped make yesterday's event successful. The total raised will be announced as soon as is available.

COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Coffee Morning straight after our morning worship on **Sunday 3rd December 2017** where we will be serving Tea, Coffee, Toast, Toasted Teacakes and cakes. Donations of homemade or shop bought cakes would be very welcome. Posters to advertise this are available today from Freda.

TOY SERVICE

This will take place on **Sunday 3rd December 2017**.

We will be looking for new, unwrapped toys for presents this year for the Bolton Lions Club and the Rotary Club

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Our own Rocks and Pebbles will be helping us celebrate Christmas on **Sunday 17th December 2017** during our morning worship. It would be great to see as many in Church as possible. Please invite your family and friends!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Thursday 21st December – Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise – 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th December – School Carol service in Church – 6.00pm

Sunday 17th December – Celebration of Christmas – 10.00am

Sunday 24th 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



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

GO-GIVEN GIFTS

"For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." (NIV)

This bible verse is from today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25:Verse 29. It is from a parable that Jesus told, called the **Parable of the Talents**. In this parable a rich man was going away for a long time but before he went, he divided his wealth between his three servants. He gave the first servant 5 talents, the second servant 2 talents and the third servant 1 talent. The talents were worth quite a lot of money. The first and second servants took their talents and invested them wisely and doubled them. However the third servant buried the one talent in the ground to keep it safe.

When the rich man returned, he was very happy with the first and second servants as they had doubled his money and because they had used what they had been given wisely, he gave them more. But, he became angry with the third servant as he had not used the talent he had been given, and so the rich man took it from the servant and gave it to the one who had used his talents wisely.

When Jesus told parables he was telling an earthly story as a way to teach us. A parable is a simple story that tells us a lesson. In this parable, God is the master in the story and we are the servants. Jesus tells us that God has given us talents too. He has created each and every one of us with special gifts and talents and God expects us to use the gifts he has given us for the good of His kingdom.

Think about the talents that God has given to you. Are you using your God-given talents as God intended you to?

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The Parable
 of the
 Talents



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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More News & Cluster News...

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Can you all join us in welcoming Shardai Bristow & Casey Johnson 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.

BIBLE STUDY

The last Bible study group will take place in the Community Room at 7.30 on;

Thursday November 23rd

All are welcome, the studies will be aided by a DVD looking at the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Saturday 2nd December

With the BMS Singers and CORUS Brass Ensemble – Deane Church 7.30pm

Tickets – Adults £5.00 and Concessions £4.00, Under 16 free. Available from Deane Church Office, jane.hampson1@gmail.com, or on the night!

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

An invitation to come on a journey across 2000 years of Church history. Along the way we will explore the great ideas of Christian theology and the people and events which shaped them.

Where? Deane Church Centre BL3 4LT

When? 7.30-9pm over 7 **Wednesdays starting 25th October 2017.**



CLUSTER EVENTS

Saturday 25th November – Ladies' Brunch at Lostock, 10am to 12

Saturday 2nd December – Lostock Christmas Fayre – 11am – 1pm

