



20th January
2019

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Proverbs: 19. v 11 - A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offence.

Every day we have opportunities to get upset, frustrated or offended. Maybe you had plans that didn't work out, or someone was rude to you at work or in the supermarket. Maybe you were doing something that should have taken an hour and ended up taking three!. Life is full of inconveniences. Even though we can't always control our circumstances, we can control our reaction. It is said "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond". We should always go out each day with a positive attitude, expecting God's favour. But at the same time, we should recognise that most days are not always going to go exactly as we planned them. However, we are created to live in peace. Peace is our position of power. If you get stressed because you got behind with something or upset because your child wouldn't eat his breakfast or wouldn't get ready for school on time, or frustrated because someone offended you, you are giving away your power. Instead, use good sense! Make the decision to release those offences and disappointments so you can live in peace. Overlook the offence, release offence and move forward in the power and victory the Lord has for you

Sharon

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: I Corinthians 12 vs 1 – 1 & John 2 vs. 1 – 11

Next week is **Together for God** Readings are: I Corinthians 12 vs 12 – 31a & Luke 4 vs. 14 – 21

Today's Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord



Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda
Jeff
Baby Anthony
Jean
Marlene
MichaelP
Doreen
Minti
Ronnie
Gabrielle
Carys
Colin
Toby
Baby Louie
Rachel
John
Johanna
John
Norma & David
Healing for Sarah
Keith
Bernard
Edward
Norman
Lynn
Andrew

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





News...

CHURCH ARMY

The Church Army Prayer Diaries for the New Year are now on the table in the Foyer of the Church. Also, you will find the Church Army Impact Report ('Everyone, Everywhere'). this booklet tells you what their work includes and it's full of information about everything the Church Army do. **PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF EACH ONE.** We receive 10 copies and it would be good to not waste this resource. Please take a copy, they are free.

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE 2019

How should Christians live? The church should be a distinctive community of God's people—but how different are we from the rest of the world? This seven-week track helps us untangle some of the false ideas and traditions that evangelicals have had in the past and reveals the more deeply challenging picture that emerges from Scripture.

Given that there are seven sessions with this course we would likely need to begin it in the week beginning **Sunday 24th February.** We will, however, be asking for a small donation from each person attending the sessions to help pay for the materials we want to use.

Please can you let Gill or Jean know if this is something you would be interested in.

Thank you.

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.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Theme this Year - "**Torn from Home**"
The service is organised by Bolton Council, Bolton Interfaith Council and supported by many groups in the Borough.

Please do attend and if anyone wishes to contribute with a Reading- poetry, personal story.music etc -please see Tony for details.

Bolton do well with participation and support at this Service with many contributions from schools and community groups hence they are hoping that will be same again this year.

For more information about the HMD- please visit the www.hmd.org.uk website



APPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

The PCC have approved for **Gillian Whitehead** to become a foundation governor of St Bede CE Primary Academy.

FUNDRAISING

If you have any ideas for how we can raise our much-needed funds, please let us know. The 1st meeting of 2019 is on **Tuesday 22nd January** at 7.30pm in the Community Room and **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



St Bede Charity
Partner 2019;



See the next page for further details

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.

St Bede Parish Charity Partner 2019



Our chosen charity this year is very close to all at St Bede Parish. Max Critchley has a chromosome deletion, a rare genetic condition – so rare in fact it doesn't actually have a name.

Our Mission

To raise vital funds for a charity very close to our hearts here at St Bede and to raise awareness of rare genetic disorders. So, 2019 we are committing to sponsoring this Charity and helping to spread the word about chromosome disorders and more importantly, UNIQUE; a charity whose mission is to inform, support and alleviate the isolation of anyone affected by a rare chromosome disorder.

Some words from Max's Mummy & Daddy

Having a child with a rare genetic disorder can be a huge shock and can stir up a whole range of emotions yet there's a great desire to learn more about the disorder and knowing where to turn for support is daunting.

UNIQUE is a small charity, totally dependent on voluntary donations and fundraising. The charity provides specialist information and support to families ours to come to terms with a diagnosis and to the medical professionals caring for them.

Why UNIQUE is so important to Kirsty, Dean & Max and why we choose this charity for 2019

Max was born in June 2015 after an uneventful pregnancy and birth. From an early age Max was troubled with numerous chest infections resulting in endless hospital visits. At only 4 months old Max contracted Bronchiolitis and Pneumonia at 7 months old. Via Paediatric intervention from our amazing consultant at the Hospital, Max underwent various tests, which thankfully ruled out a number of significant known disorders. In April 2017 we received a call from the consultant to explain that something had been picked up on one of Max's blood tests which would explain his low immune system and the fact that Max struggled to meet his baby milestones. The consultant had to digest information from a UNIQUE leaflet to understand the condition enough to allow him to explain the diagnosis to us. During the months that followed we saw a genetics specialist at Manchester Children's Hospital and Max now sees a range of health professionals to monitor his ongoing health and development complications. Thankfully we are in touch with some fantastic consultants however at best, their knowledge of his condition is very limited and there are no straightforward expectations or approaches we can rely on. Through our connections with UNIQUE we have been able to understand more about Max's genetic deletion and have access to other families around the world who are on a very similar journey. Max is almost 4 years old and about to embark on his next adventure – school!. He has the most infectious personality and touches the hearts of everyone he meets. Whilst we're unsure what the future holds for us all we're determined that Max will continue to lead as normal life as possible with the support of the amazing family, friends and professionals he has around him.

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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