



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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21st January
2018

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Most of you who were in Church last Sunday will have heard Malcolm announce that St Bede's Priest in Charge, John Armstrong will be leaving St Bede's and St Andrew's in April to take up a new Parish in Yorkshire. A change can sometimes be unsettling for a Church, particularly for a church like St Bede's where it may feel like we have had more than our fair share of interregnums and changes in Priests-in-Charge. However, we have 'ridden the storm' of doubt and uncertainty in terms of who will lead us as a Church family before and by sticking together and supporting each other, we will come out of it again, challenged, but stronger and united.

We understand that the Diocesan policy is not to advertise for a replacement until the present incumbent has left. Naturally, this will leave a period where we will be without an actual "Priest in charge" although we believe that the overall responsibility will lie with the Area Dean until one is appointed. We will be heavily reliant on Malcolm and Pat and Carol and Gill to lead us in our worship and mission and we are blessed to have a team of such dedicated and talented people at the helm.

The PCC will be closely monitoring the situation and will be ensuring that our own Team are supported and that the needs and views of St Bede's Church are well represented in the new appointment.

It has been a real pleasure to have welcomed John and to have been able to work alongside him in our mission here at St Bede's. We will have an opportunity to say our formal goodbyes to John I am sure, but in the meantime, we wish him and his family all the very best in John's new posting.

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: Revelation 19 vs. 6 - 10 & John 2 vs. 1 - 11

Next week is **Together for God**
Readings are: Hebrews 2 vs. 14- end
& Luke 2 vs. 22 - 40

Today's Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



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
Bill Brown
Mark Emerson
Andrew Taylor
Carys Leonard
Petra Bryan
Colin Stiff
Toby Matthews
The family of the late Ellen Thornley –
funeral in Church, Monday 22nd January

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



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

Epiphany

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.

PRAYERS

Please especially remember in your prayers Toby Matthews, who was injured in a road traffic accident last week and broke his leg in 2 places. He underwent surgery last Sunday. We pray for God's presence to be with him. ☩

2018 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The St Bede Fundraising Committee have been working really hard to formulate a schedule of events in 2018 to support the much-needed funds to keep our Church open.

Please support these events as a lot of hard work goes into them.

Please see the last page to see what exciting things we have planned!



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.

Dates for your Diary

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A confirmation service will be held at St Bede on **Sunday May 27th 2018 at 6.30pm** with the Bishop of Bolton †Mark.

Please can any adult or parent of any child 11 years old and above wishing to declare and confirm their Christian Faith please see Malcolm.

We will be pleased to guide you through this important step in your walk of Faith. I will look forward to hearing from you

Revd Malcolm

URBAN OUTREACH (BOLTON)

Urban Outreach wish to thank the congregation of St Bede's for your continued support through the Grub Tubs. In 2017 they gave out 2820 food parcels which fed 6392 people with the Storehouse Foodbank. Urban Outreach has seen a large increase in the number of households accessing the Foodbank - mainly due to the change in benefit system that is being introduced across the country. They get feedback about how much the food parcels are appreciated by those who receive them.

They are currently running low on the following items:

Rice 1kg bags
Shampoo
Tinned custard
Tinned meat (ie, corned beef, ham, chicken, mince beef, etc)
Instant coffee

Please continue to donate generously to this very worthwhile project.

'Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied'. Matthew 14: 20

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

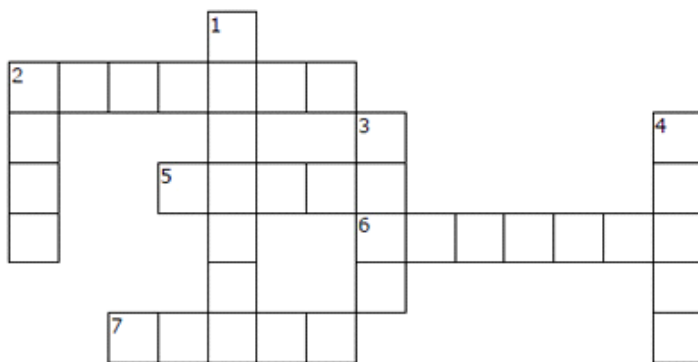


WEDDING GUEST TURNS WATER INTO WINE

'This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. *John 2:11 (NIV)*

What a great newspaper story this would be! Jesus performed the first of his miracles and turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana in Galilee. This first miracle is significant because it shows how Jesus revealed his power to the people.

The good news is that Jesus is still working miracles today in the hearts and the lives of people and brings abundance to our lives. He is all we need. He will work a miracle in you, if you will let him. Are you willing to let Jesus into your heart and life?



ACROSS

2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
5. To eat or drink a small amount
6. One who is employed to perform services for someone else
7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior

DOWN

1. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
3. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O

wedding	miracle	taste	cheap
wine	servant	water	best

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. Please see Gill – Churchwarden – for more information

Provisional Fundraising Dates for your Diary

AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday 24th February 2018 – 1-3pm – **CONFIRMED**

This is a fundraiser for the **Chris Lucas Trust**. This is a charity that researches childhood cancer and is supported by Carol Buckley – Kyle Buckley's Mum

Join us for fun and fellowship for this worthy cause.



EASTER EGG BINGO – Friday 23rd March 2018 – 7pm – **CONFIRMED**

FAMILY FUN QUIZ – 27th April 2018 – **CONFIRMED**

FAMILY PRIZE RACE NIGHT – TBC

SUMMER FUN DAY – Saturday 14th July 2018 – 1-4pm

Similar to our Strawberry Fayre but with a Fun Day combined! Stalls, Games, BBQ, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Dog show and more!

LANCASHIRE NIGHT – Friday 14th September 2018

Hot Pot Supper & entertainment

HARVEST SUPPER QUIZ – Friday 5th October 2018

Who will win the coveted St Bede Harvest Supper Quiz Trophy? Who will challenge Brush Nuts!!!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Saturday 17th November 2018

**WE PUT THE
FUN
IN FUNDRAISING**

