



24th March
2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

St Bede Academy - Question of the week: *What does your Faith mean to you?*

This week I took a school assembly on Faith at the Academy.

Through the years, many sailors have trusted small lights to keep them from danger and shipwreck. Few of us are out on the sea at night to appreciate these lighthouses, but all of us need FAITH to know what is out there. In the Bible there is a story of an old man, Simeon. He felt that he should go to the Temple, the same day as Jesus did when Jesus was very young. Simeon spent much time praying for his people. He had always had great faith that God was going to send a special light into the darkness of the world. Simeon was convinced that this special boy would enter the world before he died, but he was now an old man. When Simeon saw Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the Temple, he approached them. Then, something wonderful and unexpected happened. It was as though a light went on! Suddenly, Simeon knew that this boy was light that had come into the darkness. He took the baby in his arms and said some very special words over him. He called Jesus 'a light for the world'.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Together for God**

Readings are: I Corinthians 10 vs. 1-13 & Luke 13 vs. 1-9

Next week is **Mothering Sunday**

Today's Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray...

Jean
Marlene
Michael
Doreen
Minti
Ronnie
Carys
Rachel
John
Johanna
John
Norma & David
Bernard
Edward
Lynn
Andrew
Will
Barbara
Wendy
Yasmin
Lynn

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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News...

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP - WINE TASTING EVENT

Thursday 16th May, 7:30pm, Lostock Church Centre - Octagon Lounge

We have re-arranged the Wine Tasting event that was due to be held during our mission week last year.

To book a ticket please email missionpartnership@gmail.com or contact Deane Church Office on 01204 659637.

If you bought a ticket for the event last year and we haven't refunded you for that, then please let us know whether you'd like to come along to this re-arranged event. If you can't make the date then we will refund your money to you!

ELECTORAL FORMS & GDPR FORMS

This week is the last week to get these forms in. Please complete them and place them into the box provided.

BISHOP OF BOLTON VISIT

Bishop Mark will be visiting St Bede Primary Academy on **Monday 25th March 2019**. He will be leading the school assembly, then taking a tour of the school

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Help is urgently needed on **Saturday 30th March** to get flowers ready for distribution for the Mothering Sunday service next week. Please meet in the jubilee Lounge at **2.30pm**. **"Many hands make bunches – make smiles"**

Please let Sharron know if you can help out



FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

Wednesday 6th March is the 1st day of Lent. I have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent remove one item from your wardrobe that you no longer wear or need and place it into a black bin liner. At the end of forty days, bring these to Church and we will arrange to donate them to help someone that will really need them. Black bin liners are at the back of Church – please take one. St Andrews are joining with us with this challenge!



MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL AT ST ANDREWS

Thursday 18 April at 7.00 pm. Cost £4 per head. 2 courses (vegetarian option available)

Please let Kath Carrodous know if you would like to attend, together with your £4.



LENTEN FILM BOX FUND RAISER

For the duration of Lent, Freda & Rodney are once again asking you to take a film box from the back of Church and fill it with 50p coins. Children can join in and put 20p coins in one.

It is a good fundraiser and half the proceeds go to Unique – our Charity Partner for 2019. Before Easter Day (21st April) please give the filled boxes to either Freda or Rodney and perhaps take another!

Thank you

Please support this!

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



A SECOND CHANCE

Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" *Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)*

In today's reading, Jesus teaches us about God's forgiveness. We have a loving and forgiving God who gives us a second chance. When we allow Jesus to work in our lives, he will help us to produce the kind of fruit that God expects; love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and kindness.

WORDSEARCH

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PARABLE
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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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OUR NEXT EVENT...

Easter Egg Bingo – Friday 5th April 2019 – 7pm in the Community Room

Lots of prizes up for grabs. Donations of Easter Eggs required to make this a special night to remember! Great Raffle Prizes too!

Adults £5.00 Children £3.00 – Ticket includes 6 games of bingo. Tickets are now available from Sharron. Minimum spaces left now!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

BRING & BUY Coffee Morning - Over Hulton St Andrew's Ladies Guild – Saturday 6th April 2019 in the fellowship Room. 10.30am – 12.30 - £1.00 – All proceeds to The Royal British Legion

Quiz Night – with a difference! - Friday 17th May 2019 – Ellesmere Club @7pm

Adults £5.00 Children £3.00 – Ticket includes Pasty & Pea supper.

STRICT RULE – no teams of more than 4 please! NO exceptions!

Excellent Raffle Prizes up for grabs and a winning team prize!



Ladies Fashion Show – unfortunately, this has been cancelled – apologies.

Summer Fayre – discussions currently underway – watch this space!

Strawberry Afternoon Tea – Saturday 8th June 1.00pm – 3.00 pm

Harvest Supper Quiz – Friday 4th October -7.00pm Ellesmere Club.

