



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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25th March 2018

PALM SUNDAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

These days, the tendency of so many of us is to be overcome and overrun by the culture around us. For some it becomes easier to simply give up trying to hold on to biblical principles and go along with the culture. If Daniel is saying anything to us across these centuries he is challenging us to not give up and to be consistent. Daniel was a young man who would not compromise and would not quit. He would not give up, he remained consistent and steadfast.

The single characteristic of those who succeed in the challenges of life is this element of consistency. Joseph, in an Egyptian dungeon, did not give up. Paul, in a Philippian jail, did not give up. Daniel, in Babylonian captivity, did not give up. I, will not give up. And God did not forget any of them.

So often in a culture that seems to be crumbling like ours we're tempted to ask, "Where is God?" He was there with Daniel and He is here with us as we come to celebrate the Risen Christ.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion – Palm Sunday** Readings are:

Philippians 2 vs. 5-11 & Mark 11 vs. 1-11

Next week is **Family Communion – EASTER SUNDAY** Readings are:

Acts 10 vs. 34-43 & John 20 vs. 1-18

Today's Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope: for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open on our Saviour Jesus Christ

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

This year's Lent Course is titled '**Reasons to Believe**' and will run every Thursday for 5 weeks.

AGAPE Meal on Thursday 29th March @ 7.00pm

LENTEN FILM BOX FILL

Please can you return all your filled film boxes by next Sunday (Easter Sunday). If you didn't manage to get around to taking a film box, would you consider making a donation instead? If you are a Tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid envelope so that we can make your donation worth 25% more. Thank you



Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

Bolton Hospice are about to open a new shop and café at Astley Bridge, in the old bank at the side of Asda. The café will be called 'The Old Bank Café' and Sophie, the new café manager, is seeking volunteers! If you or anyone you know are able to help for 3 hours a week please get in touch with Sophie on 01204 663 063 or email

sophie.price@boltonhospice.org.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS

We have a new email address;

newsletter@st-bede.org.uk

Please contact us with your stories and news to share with our Church family.

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.



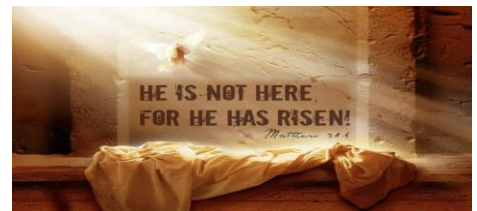
THANKS!

To all who helped and supported Friday's Easter Egg Bingo. A fun time was had by all!

EASTER SERVICES 2018

Friday 30th March, 10:00am. Good Friday family workshops and worship.

Sunday 1st April, 10:00am. Easter Day - Family Communion.



HOLY WEEK POSTER

Please help yourself to a 'Holy Week' poster to display in your windows during next week. Remember to *fold up* the HE IS RISEN part from today until Easter Saturday and *fold down* on Easter Sunday.



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



As the crowds gathered to welcome and celebrate the coming kingdom of freedom, peace and justice, so we lay 'our cloaks' under his feet as signs of our commitment to the donkey-riding king, Jesus Christ our Lord. His vision is our vision. His kingdom is our kingdom. His call is our call. His journey is our journey. His life is our life.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week which is the week leading up to Easter (Jesus' last week on Earth). It is a time to praise Jesus to celebrate his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. However it can also be a sad time as we know that only one week later, Jesus died on the cross. Traditionally, in churches on Palm Sunday, people are given a palm leaf which is formed into the shape of a cross. This symbolises the ultimate victory of Jesus' sacrifice. The palm crosses are waved in praise and then taken home to be kept as a daily reminder of Jesus' victory over death.



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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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