

27th January
2019

4th Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Question: "How is the church the Body of Christ?"

Answer: The phrase "the Body of Christ" is a common New Testament metaphor for the Church (all those who are truly saved). The Church is called "one body in Christ" in Romans 12:5, "one body" in 1 Corinthians 10:17, "the body of Christ" in 1 Corinthians 12:27 and Ephesians 4:12, and "the body" in Hebrews 13:3. The Church is clearly equated with "the body" of Christ in Ephesians 5:23 and Colossians 1:24. When Christ entered our world, He took on a physical body "prepared" for Him (Hebrews 10:5; Philippians 2:7). Through His physical body, Jesus demonstrated the love of God clearly, tangibly, and boldly—especially through His sacrificial death on the cross (Romans 5:8). After His bodily ascension, Christ continues His work in the world through those He has redeemed—the Church now demonstrates the love of God clearly, tangibly, and boldly. In this way, the Church functions as "the Body of Christ."

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Together for God**

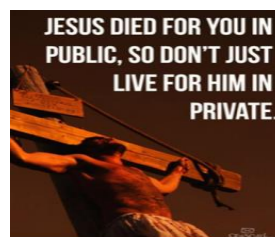
Readings are: I Corinthians 12 vs 12 – 31a & Luke 4 vs. 14 – 21

Next week is **Family Communion**

Readings are: I Corinthians 13 vs 1 – 13 & Luke 2 vs. 22 – 40

Today's Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Christ our Lord



Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda

Jeff

Baby Anthony

Jean

Marlene

Michael

Doreen

Minti

Ronnie

Gabrielle

Carys

Colin

Toby

Baby Louie

Rachel

John

Johanna

John

Norma & David

Healing for Sarah

Keith

Bernard

Edward

Lynn

Andrew

Will

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 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.

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.

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 will be available for you over the coming weeks.

Thank you



OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT...

Afternoon tea on **Saturday 2nd February 2019** in the Church Community Room between 1-3 pm. There will be plenty of cakes and sandwiches to buy accompanied by tea time music. Please come along to support your Church. Volunteers welcome!



SONGS OF PRAISE

Bolton Methodist Mission at the Victoria Hall presents BBC's Songs of Praise.

Friday 8th March 2019 at 6.30pm for Congregation Singing and **Saturday 9th March & Sunday 10th March 2.30pm – 6.30pm** Songs of Praise Young Choirs Festival. Recorded for BBC's Songs of Praise programme.

If you would like to be a member of the congregation on any of the above dates. Please enquire at the Box Office or visit www.boltonmethodistmission.org.uk or telephone 01204 522569



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

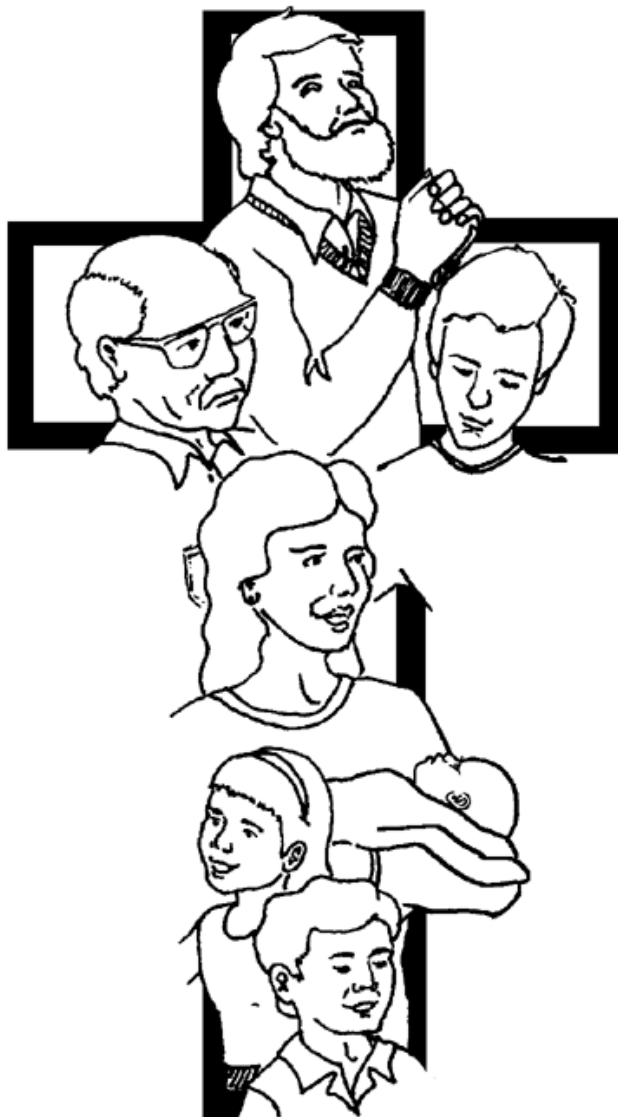
THE BODY OF CHRIST

'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Our bodies are made up of many parts. God gave us hands, feet, head, eyes, and ears to meet the needs of the whole body. In the same way, God has given the church different members with different gifts to meet the needs of the whole church. Together, we are the body of Christ.

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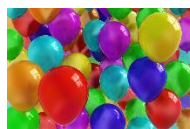


As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

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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