



St Bede Parish, Morris Green

28th January 2018

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial



Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St Bede - Wednesday 14th February 2017 @ 7.30pm

Lent Courses at St Andrews starting @ 7.30pm;

Thursdays;

22nd Feb

1st March

8th March

15th March

22nd March

AGAPE Meal on Thursday 29th March @ 7.30pm

Today's Service

This week is **Together for God**

Readings are: Hebrews 2 vs. 14- end
& Luke 2 vs. 22 – 40

Next week is **All Age Holy**

Communion Readings are:

Colossians 1 vs. 15- 20 & John 1 vs. 1 – 14

Today's Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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
The family of the late 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.



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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.

THANK YOU



Pat and Malcolm would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful cards and prayers on the passing of Pat's Mother.
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EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Now that the Easter Eggs are well on truly on the shelves at supermarkets, please can we have as many donations as possible for chocolate eggs of all shapes and sizes for our Easter Egg Bingo fundraising event on **Friday 23rd March 2018**

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.

Freshly made sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and soft drinks.



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 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

JESUS SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY

'The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." ' *Mark 1:27 (NIV)*

Listen to the bible reading today from Mark's Gospel then see if you can read this code? (You will need to put the letter that comes before each of these letters in the alphabet to crack the code)

K F T V T

I B E

Q P X F S

P W F S

F W J M

T Q J S J U T

B O E

U I F Z

P C F Z F E

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JESUS IS THE HOLY ONE OF GOD

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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A Eulogy...

It is with deep regret last week that we had to announce the death of our dear friend and Church family member, **Irene Hulse**.

Irene was a very familiar figure within the St Bede Church Family, having been a regular worshipper on a Sunday for many years but also as a very active and valued member of the PCC over the years and stalwart supporter of all the fundraising and social events. If there was a pot of tea to be brewed or cakes and sandwiches to be made and served out, you would find Irene busily organising and working with her colleagues to make sure the event was a success. Irene was always one of the first to offer help and never shirked from any task she was asked to undertake. Indeed, Irene was still working full time until she was almost 70 and then worked part-time after that!

Irene loved the Christmas Fair and all the preparations that went with it. For weeks and months before the event, Irene would be squirrelling away items that she knew would sell well or that she could make to sell on a stall. For the last few years, Irene became the 'Queen' of the 'Teddy Tombola stall, both at the main Christmas Fair in Church and on our stall at the Mayors Christmas Fair a couple of weeks later. She excelled herself in selling to the customers in her lovely polite and friendly way, although few managed to pass by her without buying a raffle or Tombola ticket! She enjoyed the friendly competition over who could sell up first - and it was usually Irene!

Irene was also one of the founder members of the St Bede's Luncheon Club and until her health prevented her, she would be helping to set up, serving, clearing up and helping with the washing up every month. Who can forget her hand knitted poppies and the other things she made and sold?

Irene also had a great love of amateur theatre and musicals and was a gifted singer although she was always very modest about her talents. She gave up her time over many years performing with and supporting the different amateur groups she was involved with. She was highly respected in amateur theatre circles and made many friends there as she did here at St Bede's. I had the great pleasure of performing in a 'musical extravaganza' with Irene and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Irene had an indomitable character and although she had been diagnosed with cancer, whenever I asked her how she was or how things were going with her treatment she would always smile that beautiful smile and say, "oh not too bad". Although Irene could be outspoken when she felt strongly about something, she was kind and generous and supportive of people who were going through a tough time. She had experienced tragedy and great sadness in her life, but she never let it defeat her. Her faith in Christ was without doubt and I am certain that her faith sustained her throughout her illness and particularly in the later stages of it. She never allowed her illness to define who she was. Our Irene will never be forgotten, and she leaves a big hole in our Church family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and many friends in this very sad time in their lives. God bless you, our sister Irene and keep you safe in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Mark & Paula would like to thank the congregation at St Bede for the love and care they showed Irene. **The funeral will take place in Church on Monday 5th February 2018** More details to follow but a request has been made that there will only be Family flowers, but any donations should be made to St Bede Parish Church in memory of Irene.

Sharron Howard

