



2nd
December
2018

1st Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Vinny Whitworth as Team Vicar in the Deane Team with responsibility for St Andrews, Over Hulton and Priest-in-Charge of St Bede's Bolton Le Moors.

Vinny is currently Associate Minister at St Peter's Halliwell. The date of his institution is still to be arranged.

A Message from Vinny: *"I am very excited to be appointed to this post and working within the Deane Team and the LAMB Mission Partnership. My wife Ruth and I, with our 2 young daughters, are looking forward to joining and becoming part of the church family at St Andrews and St Bede's. We will continue to hold you all in our prayers and please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to move to be with you".*

Gill & Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion & Toy Service** Readings are: 1

Thessalonians 3 vs, 9 – end & Luke 21 vs. 25 – 36

Next week **Celebration for Christmas**

Today's Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from darkness of sin for the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda
Jeff
Baby Anthony
Jean
Marlene
Michael
Doreen
Minti
Ronnie
Gabrielle
Mark
Carys
Colin
Toby
Baby Louie
Rachel
John
Johanna
John
Norma & David
Healing for Sarah
Keith
Bernard
Edward
Katherine
David & Elaine

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





News...



CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Its week 6 of our competition. Look out for today's picture and clue on our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Website! The entry form is now on the Christmas Competition page of the website. After the last picture is published, place your entry in the box provided at the back of church!

ROTAS

You can now find the Sidesperson Rota on the website under the INFORMATION menu

ADVENT VIGILS

The Ministry Team will be hosting vigils throughout Wednesdays during Advent. These will commence on **Wednesday 5th December** starting at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

- 2nd December 10am** Toy Service
- 9th December 10am** Celebration of Christmas
- 11th December 6pm** School Carol Service in Church
- 11th December 7.30pm** Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise
- 16th & 23rd December 10am** Family Communion
- 24th December 6.30pm** Carols around the Tree
- 25th December 10am** Holy Communion

CAROLS & BRASS – A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Come along to a spectacular evening featuring CORUS Brass Ensemble and the BMS Singers on **Saturday 8th December 2018** at 7.30pm at Deane (ST Mary's) Parish Church. Tickets are £5.00 for Adults and £4.00 Concessions and are available from Deane Church Office.

ADVENT PRAISE

Come and join the Deanery Celebration on **Sunday 2nd December 2018** at St James' Church, Daisy Hill at 6.30pm. Musicians and singers from across the Deane Deanery will be leading an Advent Sunday festival of songs and hymns – old and new. All invited – why not bring a friend?



STAR IDEAS FOR FAMILIES – ADVENT CHALLENGES – WEEK 1

Star Story: find a book of Christmas Stories (look in charity shops, libraries or your own collection of books). Each evening, find a story which mentions a star and read it together.

Star down: Sing 'Away in a manger' together. When you get to the verse; 'the stars in the bright sky look down where he lay' invite your family group to pick up Jesus in the manger (if you have a crib set at home), or simply make a cradle shape with your hands. Share a video of your family singing on our Instagram page!

Star share: post pictures of the biggest star in your home, community, or at church on our Social Media and join the 'Night of the Stars' #followthestar

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



Today marks the beginning of a very special season, Advent. What is Advent? The dictionary says that it is "the coming of something very important". Yes, Christmas is coming and many of us are looking forward to that, however we also awaiting another very important event. Jesus promised that he would return. Christians look forward to this, just as people looked forward to the coming of the Messiah over 2000 years ago. Advent is a time of watching and waiting. We don't know exactly when Jesus will return, but as we look to celebrate our Saviour's birthday, let us also prepare for the time when he will come again.

ADVENT ALPHABET CHALLENGE

Can you find an advent themed word for each letter of the alphabet?

A	_____	M	_____
B	_____	N	_____
C	_____	O	_____
D	_____	P	_____
E	_____	Q	_____
F	_____	R	_____
G	_____	S	_____
H	_____	T	_____
I	_____	U	_____
J	_____	V	_____
K	_____	W	_____
L	_____	X	_____
Y	_____	Z	_____



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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If you wish to send Christmas greetings to your church family, why not consider sending your Christmas wishes via the newsletter, in lieu of sending Christmas cards. This is a great way to wish everyone 'Happy Christmas', whilst raising much needed funds for church. Slips are available at the back of church for you to write your Christmas message. Please return the slip, together with your donation, to **Carol Hardman** by 9th December, so that your Christmas greeting will be ready to appear in the newsletter on 16th and 23rd December.

