



# St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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3<sup>rd</sup>  
December  
2017

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

What a strange surreal last few weeks it has been for my family with the sad loss of Gillian's mother.

I was so very proud of Elliot as he read Psalm 23 so eloquently, his Grandma would be so proud too.

As a friend of ours said, people die twice; once when they leave this earthly place and secondly when the last person stops talking about them and remembering them. Long may she be remembered...

Family are so important to us, and they seem especially important at this time of the year. Today we bring toys for children who may not have any family or those families who are under privileged. Spare a thought this Christmas time for those less fortunate.

As we enter the most wonderful time of the year, we are letting our immediate community around us know that we are a living breathing Church by displaying our Christmas Services on our special banner on the outside of Church. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join us, your Church family, to celebrate Christ made Man.

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 1 Corinthians 1 vs. 3 - 9 & Mark 13 vs. 24 - end

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 2 Peter 3 vs. 8 - 15a & Mark 1 vs. 1 - 8

### Today's Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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  
Irene Hulse  
Barbara Platt  
Bill & Joyce Bancroft  
Simon Taylor & Family  
Peggy & Bill Brown  
Mark Emerson  
Andrew Taylor  
Carys Leonard  
Petra Bryan  
Tony, Gillian, Elliot & Sophie for peace & healing on the passing of Gill's Mum, Audrey. May she rest in peace.

The prayer list has been updated, if you feel we have missed someone off who still needs our prayers, please don't hesitate to let Sharron or Tony know and we will add their names back onto the list.



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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](mailto: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.

### OFFER ON INSURANCE

Ecclesiastical Insurance now provide home insurance for individuals and will give our Church a financial sum if we encourage parishioners to apply and take up their offer. Please see David Almond for further details.

## Dates for your Diary

### COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Coffee Morning straight after our morning worship on **TODAY** where we will be serving Tea, Coffee, Toast, Toasted Teacakes and cakes. Donations of homemade or shop bought cakes would be very welcome.



### CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Our own Rocks and Pebbles will be helping us celebrate Christmas on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2017** during our morning worship. It would be great to see as many in Church as possible. Please invite your family and friends!

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Carol Singing at Kenyon Rise – 7.30pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – School Carol service in Church – 6.00pm

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Celebration of Christmas – 10.00am

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Christmas Eve** – All Age Communion – 10.00am

**Christmas Eve** – Carols around the Tree – 6.30pm

**Christmas Day** – Holy Communion – Joy to the World - 10.00am

**CHECK OUT OUR BANNER UNDER THE MAIN STAINED-GLASS WINDOW OUTSIDE SHOWING WE ARE A LIVING BREATHING CHURCH**



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 is the first Sunday of Advent; the day when we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolise eternal life. Four red candles stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four virtues Jesus brings us; hope, love, joy and peace. In the centre of the circle is a fifth white candle, known as the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. In this world, we have to wait for very little but when we do have to wait, we do not cope well with it. However, the things we do wait for are all the more worthwhile because of the wait and we appreciate the value of it more because we have had to wait for it to arrive. The prophets in the Old Testament had to wait hundreds of years for the arrival of Jesus. *'For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'* (Isaiah 9:6) The arrival was very different from what they had expected, born in a dirty stable - an event so ordinary but its message so extraordinary. All because they waited.

During Advent we are waiting for Christmas, but we are also waiting for something else. We are waiting for Jesus' return. He told us that he would come again and he told us to watch and be ready for him. What should we do while we are waiting? We should worship and praise him, love and serve him and share his love with others. When we do this, we will find joy in the waiting place.

**What are you waiting for this Advent?**  
**Will it be worth the wait?**



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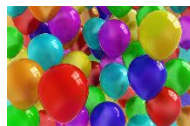
*As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.*

*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.*

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## 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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# More News & Cluster News...

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Can you all join us in welcoming Shardai Bristow & Casey Johnson from St Catherine's Academy who are here for the next 10 or so weeks to help with Tea, Coffee etc as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

## LUNCHEON CLUB

The luncheon club meets on **the first Wednesday of every month at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm** in the community room. A beautiful nourishing 2 course (main course and dessert) freshly home-cooked hot meal which includes a soft drink plus coffee/tea is served at a cost of £5.80. There are a few vacancies available and we would love to see you. Meals need to be ordered in advance, so if you or anyone you know would like to join us once a month, please let Sharron Howard know.

