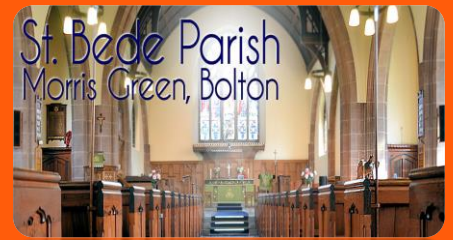




# St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



3<sup>rd</sup> March  
2019

Sunday next before Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

It's often tempting, when thinking about the Transfiguration to talk about 'mountain top' experiences with God and hope that we will all get to experience God in a dramatic thunder and lightning way and regularly. Some Christians spend their whole time wishing for a dramatic experience of God and then wonder why they're disappointed. Dramatic encounters of God are rare – even for saints such as St Peter. These flashes of God's glory are incredibly rare both for the ordinary and extraordinary Christian. The story made me think straight away of the garden of Gethsemane. I think this shows something of the disciples' inability to comprehend Jesus. On the mountain top, the divinity of Christ is revealed to them. They are woken up by the flashing light – the word used to describe Jesus' dazzling appearance is the same as that used to describe lightning. In the garden of Gethsemane, the humanity of Christ is fully revealed to them. They are woken up by Jesus to see him going to his death. The fact that they are asleep on both occasions speaks to me of the difficulty of really comprehending who Jesus is, who God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is. Can you comprehend the Trinity?

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**

Readings are: 2 Corinthians 3 vs. 12-4 vs 2 & Luke 9 vs. 28 – 36 (37-43a)

Next week is **Holy Communion &**

**Groups** Readings are: Romans 10 vs. 8b-13 & Luke 4 vs. 1 – 13

### Today's Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God for the  
life of Jack Hatch Snr.  
99 years

Please pray for Jack Jnr  
and Barbara Hatch & the  
family for their loss

### Please pray...

Jean  
Marlene  
Michael  
Doreen  
Minti  
Ronnie  
Carys  
Rachel  
John  
Johanna  
John  
Norma & David  
Bernard  
Edward  
Lynn  
Andrew  
Will  
Barbara  
Wendy  
Yasmin

*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

#### Thursday

7:30pm, St Bede's Community Room.  
Leaders: Gill Blackburn and Carol Hardman

### SOUVENIR PENS FOR SALE

We have some pens for sale with our Church name engraved on them. At only £1.50 each, get yours whilst stocks last! Please see Norma or Tony



### PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

**Monday 25th March, 7pm-9pm at St Elisabeth's Horwich**

There is a safeguarding training session organised for any church members who work with children or vulnerable adults. It is also a requirement for PCC members to attend in their legal role as trustees of the church and their responsibilities to oversee safeguarding in the church.

### JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Wednesday, 7.30pm, at St Bede's**

This week sees the beginning of Lent, and we are holding a joint Ash Wednesday Communion Service for St Andrew's and St Bede's at St Bede Church. This will be an informal communion service in the church Community Room. Malcolm Bristow will be leading and Vinny will be preaching.

### FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are at the back of Church – please take one. St Andrews are joining with us with this challenge!

### PRAYER LIST

I have revised the Prayer list. If someone has been removed that you wanted to stay on, please let me know


Tony



### OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join us on Friday 8th March in the Community Room for our "Spring Bunny Drive Fundraiser"

An old family favourite game - It's a race against the opposition to be the first to draw a bunny by throwing a dice! Each part of the bunny corresponds with a number on the dice.

 TICKETS: £4.00 Adults £2.00 Child  
\*Ticket includes a delicious supper – pie and peas!

Get your tickets today from Sharron or email [fundraising@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk)



**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

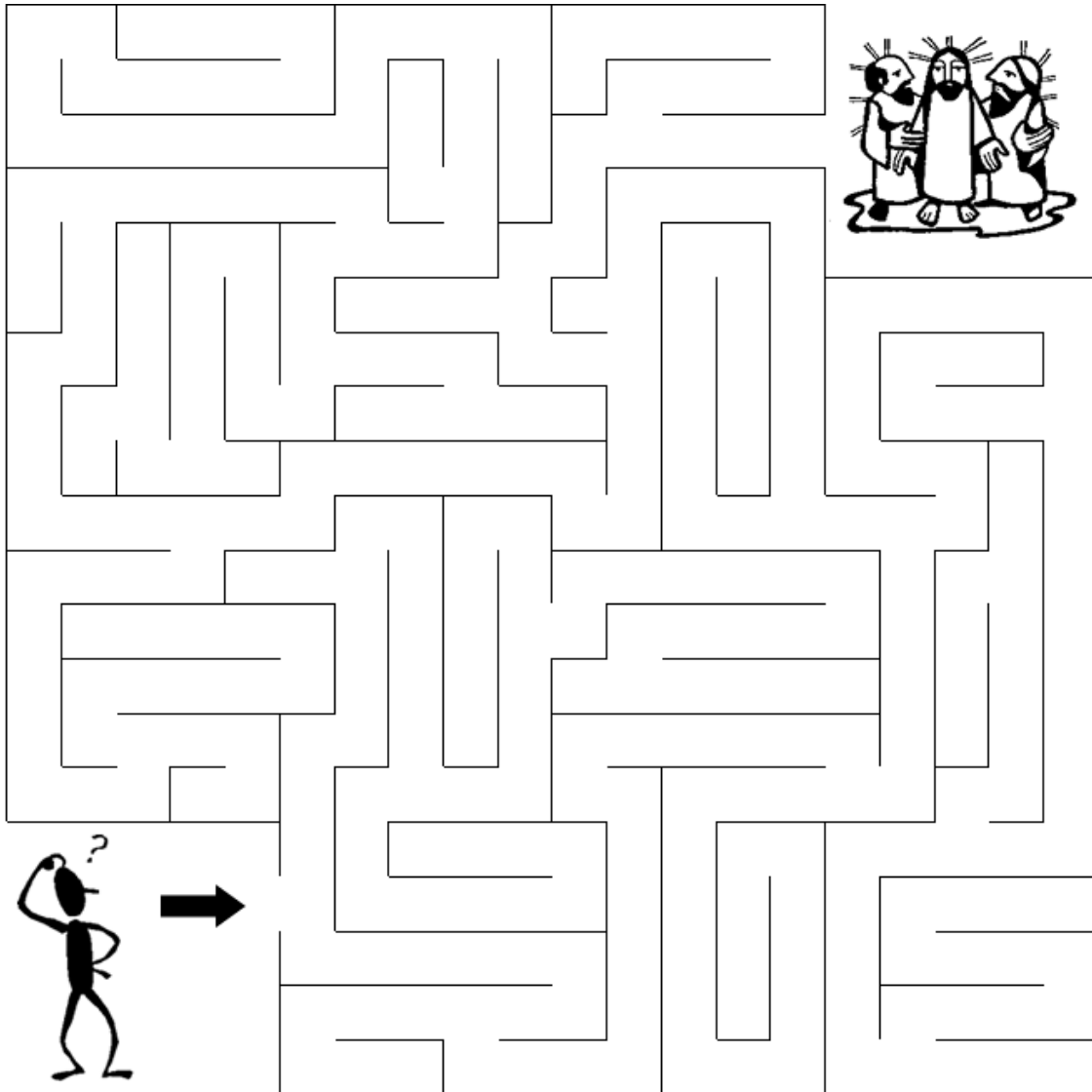
## A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

**'While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen, listen to him." Luke 9:34-35**

The Gospel reading today is from St Luke Chapter 9, verses 28-36 and it tells us about how a trip up a mountain with Jesus, proved to be one of the most exciting journeys ever for 3 of Jesus' disciples, Peter, John and James.



Can you find the way through the maze to Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the mountain?

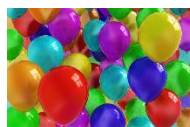


*As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.*

*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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