



# St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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## 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

Billy Graham preached the message of Christ's freedom and forgiveness around the world, reaching over 200 million people in more than 185 countries. He led hundreds of thousands of people to pray to receive Jesus Christ into their lives as Lord and Saviour.

His message is timeless, powerful, and relevant for today. The phrase, "the Bible says," resounds throughout his sermons, and the truth he preached for years still transcends all barriers of denominational differences, age, nationality, and culture. It has stood the test of time and generations, pointing millions to Christ.

"Take one day at a time. Today, after all, is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday." *Billy Graham*

The Rev. Billy Graham passed away at the age of 99 on February 21, 2018

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: 1 Corinthians 1 vs. 18-25 & John 2 vs. 13-22

Next week is **Family Communion – Mothering Sunday** Readings are: Exodus 2 vs. 1-10 & Luke 2 vs. 33-35

### Today's Collect

**Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We have started to issue Anniversary of Baptism cards to those children (and Adult's) who have been baptized at St Bede over the last 2 years.**

**We are issuing reminders in these cards of our services and we will be organising a 'special' morning worship later in the year for those celebrating an anniversary in 2018.**

### Please pray...

Marcus and Belinda Kelly  
Janet Wall - for her closeness to God  
Jeff Archibold  
Baby Anthony Ross Evans  
Mark & Paula Hulse  
Jean Heyes  
Marlene Wolstencroft  
Michael Harmsworth  
Doreen Ridyard  
Minti Radia  
Ronnie Ditchfield  
Margaret Hayes  
Gabrielle Ridyard  
Barbara Platt  
Bill & Joyce Bancroft  
Bill Brown – for Bill's soul and for his family in their sad loss  
Mark Emerson  
Andrew Taylor  
Carys Leonard  
Petra Bryan  
Colin Stiff  
Toby Matthews  
Baby Louie  
Dean, Kirsty & Max

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





### LAST WEEKS WORSHIP

Last week we welcomed "IGNITION" from St Andrews to assist in our morning worship. I am sure you will agree it was a welcome change and very enjoyable. We are hoping to get them to return very soon!

### LENT PREPARATIONS

**Lent Courses** at St Andrews starting @ 7.30pm;

Starting **Thursday 22nd February**  
This year's Lent Course is titled '**Reasons to Believe**' and will run every Thursday for 5 weeks.

22nd Feb: 'How do you know it's true?'  
John Armstrong

**1st March: 'Is the bible a myth?'**

**John Armstrong**

8th March: 'Is Jesus unique?'

Tony Butterworth

15th March: 'Where is God in suffering?'

Julia Davies

22nd March: 'Open mike night'

AGAPE Meal on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.00pm

### LENTEN FILM BOX FILL

Freda & Rodney are again operating this fund raiser for the duration of Lent. The film boxes are at the back of church and we encourage everyone to fill as many as they can with 50p or/and 20p's. The total contents will be shared between church and our 2018 charity; The Church Army. There are information books on the table in the porch to give you an insight into what they do for the needy. Please help in this as your Lenten commitment and money can be handed in when you have a full box until Easter Day. Thank you

**CHURCH  
ARMY**

## News...



### HELP NEEDED

It will be **Mothering Sunday on Sunday 11th March**. As usual, the children will be handing out small posies of flowers to all the ladies in the Congregation on that Sunday. However, these posies do not make themselves and we need volunteers on Saturday morning **10th March at 10.00am** to help to make them up. Please come along for an hour to help then we can keep up this lovely tradition of thanking the 'Mothers' in our Church family for all they do with a little posy of flowers.

### SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY

We are looking to organize a "Songs of Praise" Sunday where we slightly adapt our morning service to sing all your favourite hymns.

You will find forms at the back of Church for you to complete for your requests and once we have collected all the requests, we will arrange our own "Songs of Praise". Further details to follow.



### DONATIONS PLEASE!!!!

We require donations of Easter Eggs for our BINGO night on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

There will be boxes near the font at the back of church for all donations. Eggs of all sizes required as well as large chocolate bars please. Further details of the night are further on in this newsletter. Many thanks.

### CHRIS LUCAS TRUST

We raised a brilliant £271.00 for the Chris Lucas Trust. Thanks again to all who supported the event.

 **THE CHURCH  
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Diocese of Manchester

  
**#LIVELENT**  
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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.

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

'My temple will be called a house of prayer.' *Isaiah 56:7*



St John's Gospel reading today tells us that Jesus travelled to Jerusalem at the time of the annual Jewish Passover celebration. When he arrived he went to the temple. There he saw people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. Jesus did not like what he saw. He became angry and made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor.

'Stop making my Father's house a marketplace.' *John 2:16*

How many words from today's bible reading can you find in the wordsearch below:

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

DROVE	SCATTERED	JERUSALEM	PASSOVER	SITTING
TEMPLE	COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP	CATTLE
TIME	MARKET	CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES	WHIP	CORDS

*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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# More News & Cluster News...

## 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. The next club is **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

## LIVERPOOL TALL SHIPS

Josie and Elizabeth from Deane Church (St Mary's) invite ladies (and accompanying gentlemen!) from the church family to join them on a Grayway coach trip to the Tall Ships Festival in Liverpool on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The cost is £13.00. If they can get 15 participants the coach will pick up at Deane Church at 9.45am (otherwise it will be at Bolton Interchange at 10am)

If you wish to go along, please put your money in an envelope clearly labelled to Josie or Elizabeth and pass to Pat Bristow or Tony Whitehead by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at the latest.

## VARIOUS CONCERTS COMING UP IN OUR LOCAL AREA

Leeland (Bethel Music) part of big church night out, venue The Edge, Wigan, **22nd March**.

Will Reagan and United Pursuit, venue the lighthouse venue, Salford, **13th March**

## REV. JOHN ARMSTRONG'S LAST SERVICE AT ST BEDE...

...will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. We will be organising a *Bring & Share Lunch* for after this service in the Community Room.

There will be a list at the back on Church to indicate what you are prepared to bring to share. Please join your Church Family to say farewell and good luck to John & Helen on the next leg of their journey.

## OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next Fundraising/Social event is the **Easter Egg Bingo** on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 7:00pm** in the Church Community Room. Entrance is by Ticket only and the price includes 6 games of Bingo. Ticket costs are **£5.00 for Adults** and **£3.00 for children**. Additional *flyers* will be available to purchase on the night. We have limited space so get yours quick from Sharron Howard TODAY!!

Light Refreshments will also be available.

## VACANCY

A vacancy has become available for a Parish Administrator for St Bede and St Andrew working 12 hours a week for a fixed period of 3 years. If you are interested, please see Rev Armstrong for an application form. Closing date is **11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.