



St. Bede Parish Morris Green, Bolton

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7th January
2018

Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Happy New Year to all our Church family. We hope 2018 will be blessed for you and bring peace to you and your family. 2017 has been a challenging year for some of our Church family with sickness and pain besetting some of our lives and the devastating loss of loved ones. However, through all the pain and sadness, God has never been far from our sides, sharing our loss and pain. We also shared the joys of watching the baptisms of several babies and young people. We are blessed with having many young families sharing worship with us each Sunday and many parents, grandparents and relatives watched with pride as our young peoples' groups performed a most enjoyable and challenging depiction of the nativity story at our Celebration for Christmas. The young peoples' groups are flourishing under the leadership of dedicated staff who challenge the young people to think about how they can welcome Christ into their lives and we feel blessed and proud of them all. As a Church, we are looking forward to 2018 and the inevitable challenges it will bring in terms of ensuring we are financially viable. We are confident that we are up to that challenge and our fundraising committee continues to work hard to find new ways of raising much needed funding. We can all help their efforts by supporting the events and helping to promote them, but also by coming forward with new and innovative ideas. All your ideas will be most welcome I promise you! The PCC is also forward-thinking and considering how the worship experience in St Bede's can be enhanced for everyone. They have a vision for our Church to take it forward with hope into this new year of 2018 and beyond

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**

Readings are: Ephesians 3 vs. 1- 12
& Matthew 2 vs. 1 – 12

Next week is **Holy Communion & Groups** Readings are: Revelation 5 vs. 1 - 10 & John 1 vs. 43 – end

Today's Collect

God our Father, in love you sent
your Son that the world may
have life: lead us to seek him
among the outcast and to find
him in those in need, for Jesus
Christ's sake.



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
Bill Brown
Mark Emerson
Andrew Taylor
Carys Leonard
Petra Bryan

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.

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



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

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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

All our love, prayers and congratulations go to Rebecca Waite and Neil Carlisle who announced on Christmas Day their engagement to be married at St Bede in 2019. What wonderful news to commence the New Year with. We, their Church family, commit to support them in love and prayer. May God bless them as they prepare for their wedding.

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.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th January 2017. Fresh ideas are always welcome as well as new members!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Can you all join us in welcoming Shardai Bristow, Casey Johnson and Keiron Bowes 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

Dates for your Diary

NEXT FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENT

Our next event will be a **Winter Warmer Luncheon** on **Saturday 20th January 2018** in the Community Room starting at 12.30pm.

Ticket price includes Meat & Potato pie and Gateaux for afterwards.

Tickets will be priced at £6.00 for Adults & £4.00 for Children and are available today from Sharron

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 7th February 2018**

LAMB MISSION PARTNERSHIP – WEEKEND AWAY

Application forms and prices now available for the April 2018 weekend away. Please see Gill – Churchwarden – for more information.



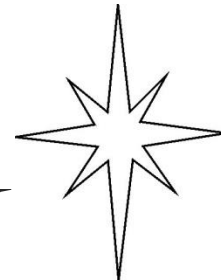
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Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles



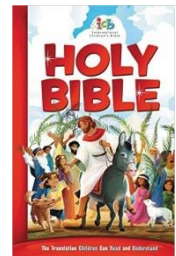
EPIPHANY



The Feast of Epiphany is on 6 January. It marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and celebrates the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. They wanted to find Jesus so that they could worship and honour him. God gave them a star to guide them which led them right to Jesus. These men, often called Kings or Magi, brought valuable gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to honour the baby and bowed down and worshipped him.

The gift of gold was the gift people usually gave to their King. By giving gold they were recognising Jesus as their King. The second gift, frankincense, is a white gum from a tree which when hardened will burn giving off a fragrant smell. It was burnt as an offering to God during worship, used as a medicine and a perfume. The third gift, myrrh, also a gum from thorny tree was used for healing wounds because it is antiseptic, soothes redness and relieves pain.

People today are still seeking Jesus. However we don't need to look for him in Bethlehem because he is no longer there - he is on his throne in Heaven. We don't even need a star to help us find him; we can find Him by reading God's Holy Word. The Holy Bible leads us to Jesus.



The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

God of all,
 Be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love.
 May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,
 Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.
 Life our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star
 As we travel home to you.

Amen.

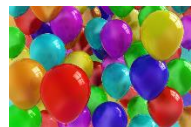


As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

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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