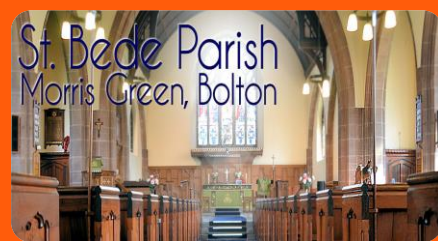




# St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



9<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

There are many people, too many people, who will sing *"Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"* (from *Hark the herald angels sing*) and not have a clue what they are singing about. They don't see any need for God and them to be reconciled. They don't see themselves as the kind of sinners that need any help, after all they do their best and surely God won't hold that against them. They don't see that this baby in Bethlehem is *their Saviour*, that God came to earth for *them*, *"born to give them second birth"*. They fail to see that even the smallest and most trivial of our sins is disobedience toward God and that Jesus came to earth to deal with sin and bring forgiveness and hope.

Therein lies the challenge that Christmas brings us – to tell our children, our grandchildren, our friends and even strangers that Christmas isn't just about a baby resting in sweet smelling hay, but about God who has laid aside his glory and was *"born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth born to give us second birth"* (from *Hark the herald angels sing*).

Perhaps I could say that we all need to be John the Baptists, and in an unmistakable way, help those whom we love prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace both this Christmas and especially for the time when *"he will come again to judge the living and dead"* (Apostles' Creed).

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Celebration for Christmas**

Next week **Family Communion**

Readings are: Philippians 4 vs 4 – 7  
& Luke 3 vs. 7 – 18

### Today's Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.



### 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  
Norman

*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 7 of our competition, the penultimate week! 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!

### HOLY COMMUNION

As mentioned by Rev Malcolm, when receiving the Holy sacrament, please refrain from dipping the wafer into the wine chalice as this increases the risk of any infection, either known or unknown. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ADVENT VIGILS

The Ministry Team will be hosting vigils throughout Wednesdays during Advent, starting at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

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



### STAR IDEAS FOR FAMILIES – ADVENT CHALLENGES – WEEK 2

**Star Gift:** make a small gift box and decorate it with stars. Place a simple gift inside or a promise of something such as tidying up or walking the dog.

**Star Struck:** place a small star on a table. Light a candle next to it. Remember that Jesus came as a light to the world. Ask God to be light to everyone

**Star moment:** find or make a star shape to hold in your hand and say a big 'thank you' for the gift of Jesus as light of the world

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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 TODAY** so that your Christmas greeting will be ready to appear in the newsletter on 16th and 23rd December.



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.

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## *Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles*

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Our very own Church Rocks  
and Shiny Pebbles present....

‘A Celebration of Christmas’

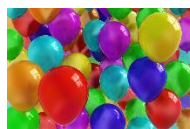


*As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.*

*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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