

23rd
December
2018

4th Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

So begins a wonderful story, a story set once upon a time, in a land we call holy, in a time we now know was exceptional. This magnificent story begins with an angel named Gabriel who came to a teenaged girl named Mary to tell her that she would be a part of God's Wonderful Plan: You shall bear a son, the angels told her, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. [Luke 1:31,32] Our Gospel lesson reminds us that in its essence our Christian faith is an extended story, a once upon a time account of the wonder and power of God. To speak of Jesus and to tell of God's plan for salvation is to tell a story. Indeed, those who have tried to make of Christianity some kind of theological system or an elaborate moral code have done a great disservice. Christianity is none of that. It is a story, a captivating story that appeals to our senses, makes us want to lean forward in our chairs to listen, and then slowly unfolds us. Please remember that stories are not simple diversions or entertainments. No, there is enormous power in a good story. A good story draws us in and helps to define us.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**

Readings are: Hebrews 10 vs 5 – 10
& Luke 1 vs. 39 – 45 (46-55)

Christmas Day **Holy Communion**

Readings are: Hebrews 1 vs 1 – 4 (5 – 12) & John 1 vs. 1 – 14

Today's Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory: bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord



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
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

Place your entry forms in the box provided at the back of church and the winner will be announced soon!!

ADVENT VIGILS

Thanks to all who attended and supported the vigils this year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

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

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ST BEDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The trustees of the St Bede Primary Academy Trust are pleased to announce that **Tony Whitehead** has been appointed to the role of Chair of the Local Governing Body and **David Almond** as Vice Chair. Please pray for God's presence in their work at our school.



STAR IDEAS FOR FAMILIES – ADVENT CHALLENGES – WEEK 4

Star sky: take a walk on a clear night and look at stars together. Think how beautiful the stars can be and remember how stars lead people to think of the amazing wonder of God

Star light: as a family, light a candle in a darkened room. Look at the shapes of the light from the flame. See how many shapes you can see. Then invite each person to whisper their hopes for Christmas as a prayer.

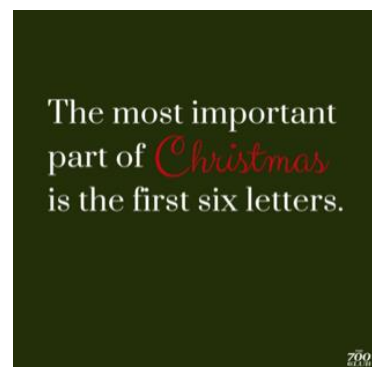
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The 2018 Christmas Messages are attached to this newsletter

TEAR FUND QUIZ NIGHT

The Mission Partnership Tearfund Quiz night that was held at the end of November enabled us to send £587 to support the work that they do all around the world. Thank you.

Our quiz was part of a bigger nationwide event which raised over £145,000. Money which Tearfund will use to support projects which aim to bring an end to poverty.



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

The 2018 Christmas Celebration

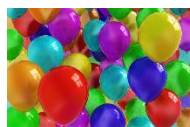


As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

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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