

30th
December
2018

The first Sunday of Christmas

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Each of us resent something. We might resent something we have said and done, or we might resent what someone else has said and done. But along with resentment comes unforgiveness. And unforgiveness is a very dangerous thing to keep in our lives. Jesus said that if we forgive, God will forgive us. But if we do not forgive, God will not forgive us. Now, we must understand that to forgive does not mean the same thing as to forget. We cannot erase our memories, but we can erase our resentment. I would suggest that we just look at things from a different perspective. Instead of looking at your resentment from the negative side, start looking at it from the positive side. At the start of 2019, when you remember those things, as you surely will, look at them as an example of what not to ever feel again. Understanding where they will lead you should be enough encouragement to do so.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Baptism**

Readings are: Colossians 3 vs 12 – 17
& Luke 2 vs. 41 – end

Next week is **All Age Communion**

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

Today's Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore,
as God's chosen people
holy & dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness,
AND PATIENCE.

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
Lynn

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

The winner will be announced next week!

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.

CHURCH ARMY

The Church Army Prayer Diaries for the New Year are now on the table in the Foyer of the Church. Also, you will find the Church Army Impact Report ('Everyone, Everywhere'). this booklet tells you what their work includes and it's full of information about everything the Church Army do. **PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF EACH ONE.** We receive 10 copies and it would be good to not waste this resource. Please take a copy, they are free.



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.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Theme this Year - "**Torn from Home**"
The service is organised by Bolton Council, Bolton Interfaith Council and supported by many groups in the Borough.

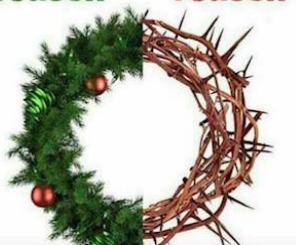
Please do attend and if anyone wishes to contribute with a Reading- poetry, personal story.music etc -please see Tony for details.

Bolton do well with participation and support at this Service with many contributions from schools and community groups hence they are hoping that will be same again this year.

For more information about the HMD- please visit the www.hmd.org.uk website



This is the **season** This is the **reason**



From all at St Bede!

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 Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-20)



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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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