

14th July
2019

The 4th Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A Special Editorial

A Road well-travelled!

When Pat and I with Matthew and Jonathan first came to St Bede's in September of 1988, we never for one-minute thought God would have us stay here till 2019 and beyond, 31 years presently. When we arrived, I was 39 and had hair! Pat and I thank God for bringing us here, for it has been a lesson of patience and of gratitude. Patience for we were both Readers then and I had felt a call to ordination since my late teens! I began to accept that perhaps God had withdrawn the call to ordination and I fully accepted my ministry as Reader, however, there was a nagging call for ordination which would not go away! After wrestling with this for a long time I was sent to The Revd. Julia Davies, who was Assistant Director of Ordinand's, I was not at all minded to attend another selection conference, having been to two over a 25-year period. Long story shortened, I was accepted for training, Bishop Nigel was prepared to ordain me having only been on the course for only one year, taking into account my age, previous training and 30 years' service as a Reader. I was ordained in July 2012. Here I am 7 years later at the age of 70 and taking 'retirement' (for the second time, the first in 2003 from full time paid employment with Bolton Council).

It's scary, time seems to have whizzed by! But from accepting Christ back in the late 1960's, and our marriage in 1973, Pat and I have been walking God's highway accompanied and guided by His Holy Spirit and every step has been God led, so exciting and reassuring. It is surreal and strange to be on the threshold of 'retirement' for the second time, however, as Arnie says, 'I'll be back!'. I and Pat will take 6 months sabbatical (time off for good behaviour!?) and return in February 2020, to resume 'lighter duties!'

Thank you all at St Bede's for being such a loving, warm and welcoming fellowship. Your friendship, encouragement and support have played a big part in God's call for Pat and I to minister amongst you in the Parish. Our thanks, prayers and love go out to you all, for the huge part you have all played in God's call to minister in St Bede's.

Again, thanks and blessings to you, God's people, past, present and future, who have given us your love and support in Jesus Name.

Malcolm & Pat

Please pray...

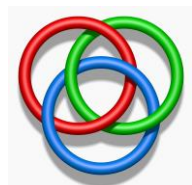
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Barbara
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Yasmin
Lynn
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Sean
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Jennifer
Steve

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






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News...

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY COURSE 2019/2020

Applications are now being invited for the Foundations for Ministry Course beginning in September 2019. This year long course is particularly designed for people who want to spend time going deeper and space to reflect on where God might be calling them. The course focuses on who you are; what gifts and abilities you have, and how you can sustain yourself in ministry. For the 1st time ever; this course is being run locally in Bolton by local clergy. If you are interested in finding out more there are leaflets at the back of church and for more info please speak to Vinny.

Vinny

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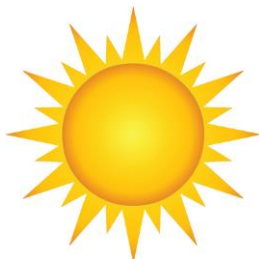
The latest day for submissions this week is **Thursday**

OUR NEXT EVENT...

Summer Fayre – Saturday 10th August
– 1-4pm

Stalls will include; Gift tombola, Sweet Stall, Children's games, Café with BBQ food and other food.

Please start to bring donations of goods for these stalls over the coming weeks! Posters available from today – please see Freda



NEW COMPETITION!

A £25 M&S Gift Card is up for grabs in our new competition!! Watch this space for details in the coming weeks!



VISIT TO DURHAM CATHEDRAL

To celebrate St Bede weekend in May 2020, I am looking to organise a coach trip to Durham Cathedral to visit the tomb of the Venerable Bede. Get your name down on the list at the back of church to show your interest.

Tony



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARYS

Elaine has a birthday on 16th July

Malcom turns 70 on 17th July

Charlie turned 10 this week

Tony & Gill celebrate 20 years of marriage on 24th July



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.

A Word from Vinny...

St Paul writes "I thank my God every time I remember you...I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1 v 3-6)

Today, we celebrate and thank God for Malcolm's wonderful ministry over many years here at St Bede's. Even though there have been many changes over the years here at St Bede's, and many Vicars have come and gone, Malcolm (and Pat!) have been instrumental in maintaining and developing here at St Bede's a faithful witness to the good news that is found in Christ Jesus here in our community of Morris Green and beyond.

Malcolm, alongside his wife Pat, has been a faithful servant of Christ here at St Bede's for 30 years. Over many years God has been at work through Malcolm's ministry; as Malcolm has led us in worship, as he has faithfully preached the Gospel, as he has ministered to this community through countless baptisms, weddings and funerals, as he has been a faithful witness and presence within our church school and as he has led many people over the years to a living faith in Jesus. That is why today we pray with joy and give thanks for Malcolm and his ministry amongst us over the years.

We will all certainly miss Malcolm and Pat as Malcolm retires this week and takes a well-deserved break over the next 6 months and we pray for God's blessing on them. Yet we also look forward to continuing our partnership in the gospel with Malcolm and Pat, knowing that God who has begun a good work in us, has not finished with us yet, and longs to carry on that good work to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.

Vinny



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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Saturday Brunch – 7th September 2019 – 10-12



St Swithin's Fundraiser Pledge



St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare



According to tradition, whatever the weather is like on St Swithin's Day – whether rainy or sunny – it will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights. St Swithin's Day falls on July 15.

This is a fundraising opportunity for St Bede Church. You may wish to pledge an amount for each day that it rains for the 40 days following St Swithin's Day on 15 July. For example, if it rains for 10 days during the 40 days, and you pledge to pay £1 for each day that it rains, then the amount you would pay at the end would be £10.

Pledge slips are available at the back of church for you to complete and then return to either Carol or Gill. We will keep a record of the weather during the St Swithin's pledge and let you know the amount you have pledged at the end of August. Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest Supper Quiz – Friday 4th October -7.30pm Ellesmere Club. **Who can take possession of the coveted St Bede Harvest Supper Quiz trophy this year????**



Body Shop for Christmas – Thursday 17th October – 7.30pm in the Community Room with cheese & wine