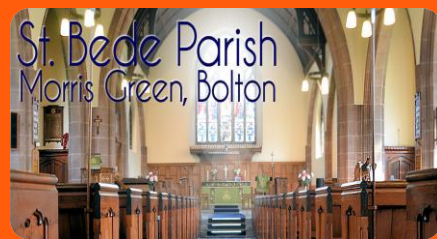




# St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le -Moors



7<sup>th</sup> July  
2019

The 3rd Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

So, that time has finally come that I am sure we have all been dreading – Malcolm’s retirement.

I wanted to take the opportunity in this issue (as I am away celebrating half a century!!) to convey, I am sure, everyone’s thanks to Malcolm and Pat.

They have become stalwarts in the life of St Bede and the community as a whole, giving guidance and encouragement to us all. They will be both greatly missed – for 6 months or so anyway!

Being told you’re appreciated is one of the simplest and most uplifting things you can hear. Everyone at St Bede, in Morris Green, in school, appreciate what you both do – Thank you both from the bottom of our hearts

Remember though; A retired husband is often a wife’s full-time job



Tony

## Today’s Service

This week is **Holy Communion**

Readings are: Ephesians 1 vs.-15 - 23 & Luke 10 vs. 1 – 11, 16-21

Next week is **Celebratory Communion – Malcolm’s last Sunday**

Readings are: Lamentations 3 vs.-25 - 44 & Luke 10 vs. 25-37

### Today’s Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



### Please pray...

- Jean
- Marlene
- Michael
- Doreen
- Minti
- Ronnie
- Carys
- Rachel
- John
- Johanna
- John
- Norma & David
- Bernard
- Lynn
- Andrew
- Will
- Barbara
- Wendy
- Yasmin
- Lynn
- Kirsty
- Sean
- Marlene
- 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.





## 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

### CHURCH ARMY PRAYER DIARIES

The Church Army Prayer Diaries for the next quarter are on the table in the porch. They are a new format & half the size. Please take one to pray for the people & places served by the Church Army. Any questions see Freda. Thank you.

### JAMES STOREY – WORLD CHALLENGE

James is hoping to go to Belize in 2020 to take part in a world challenge expedition with a small group from school. Please support James and take a leaflet from the back of Church. He is also looking for sponsorship for a 10K run

### STOP PRESS

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

### 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

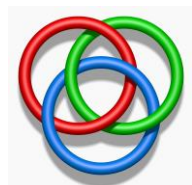
Tony Whitehead turns the big 50 on 8<sup>th</sup> July

Malcom Bristow turns 70 on 17<sup>th</sup> July

Tony & Gill Whitehead celebrate 20 years of marriage on 24<sup>th</sup> July



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester



St Bede Charity  
Partner 2019;



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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# GO IN JESUS' NAME

'After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" *Luke 10:1-2*

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Chapter 10, Jesus sent out workers to tell others about God. He told them exactly what they should do and sent them out with everything they needed to be successful. We need to remember that whatever God asks of us, whether it is to share God's love by telling others, singing it to others, teaching others, making music about it to others or preaching it to others, we do it for the glory of God.

'Work' for Jesus - Think of a friend, family member, neighbour or someone at school that you would like to tell about God. Use the space below to draw a picture, write a Bible story or a song to share the good news of God with that person.

**'To God be the glory great things He has done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in'.**

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## Testimony of Paul Braddock - St Andrews

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How does the Holy Spirit help me to pray?

The sermon series we are doing at St Andrews 10.45 service is focused on prayer. So, Vinny has asked me to share how the Holy Spirit helps me to pray but then asked for an example. So I'm going to share with you my testimony and then share how the Holy Spirit helps me to pray if that's ok?

A lot of you will know that I've been coming to St Andrews all my life, coming with my mum and dad, then more through habit once I left high school. I got to a point in my life, about 24, where I heard someone or something say to me in my head, "what you are doing is wrong, turn back". It was a bit weird because I was driving at the time. But I was like what was that all about? I ignored it and carried on. It was only later that it hit me what it meant, what I had done or doing and the fear of Gods wrath struck me, I was petrified, I've never been so scared to the point where I was shaking. I didn't know what to do. I knew it was something supernatural, something Godly that I had just experienced, like I'd never experienced before. So, I thought if there is a God then I best find out about it. Coming to St Andrews I thought I would start with what I kind of know, by reading the Bible and to read it in a year, just to see what it's all about. This was January so it was ideal to read the Bible in a year. During that time, I believe God started to soften my heart and open my eyes by reading the Bible. August came and I was still reading the Bible and still feared Gods wrath. Julian Tomlinson, John & Jackie's son invited me to a Christian festival, called Momentum. I was apprehensive about it all but accepted. On arrival, something instantly made me feel like I was home. A few days later at one of the services they called people forward if they wanted prayer, so I went as I believed I needed it. I knew I had fallen short of Gods glory and sought repentance for my past. I opened my hands and surrendered to God, asking for this in prayer. Within a few minutes I experienced peace like never before. I felt a massive weight had be lifted from my shoulders. Then a heavenly being spoke to me, clear as day. The same words from Jesus baptism. Mark 1 v11. It reads "And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."" Those same words were spoken to me. It didn't feel right because I knew them from Jesus baptism. But at that point I wept, I remember saying "How can you love me and be pleased with me after what I've done?" I knew then that I had been in the presence of God, Gods peace poured over me, that verse was confirmation that the Holy Spirit was at work in my life, the weight being lifted off my shoulders was Jesus forgiving me and taking away my sin. That same peace that I experienced that evening sat upon me for at least 3 weeks after and is still with me now. From then on I haven't been able to get Jesus out of my heard, and why would I want to? After what I had just experienced? I know now that he is the way, the truth and the life.

That is my testimony of how I came to have a relationship with Christ and how God was at work in my life.

So, to answer the first question, how does the Holy Spirit help me to pray?

I get triggers or nudges, some small, medium, large or whatever t-shirt size you want. These can happen subconsciously or consciously. They can be from a reading from the Bible, it could be something that I've experienced or seen that makes me think I need to pray for this person, that situation or indeed for myself. Without those triggers or nudges I wouldn't bat an eye lid and would carry on in my own little world.

I've found that God responds in many different ways. I've personally experienced God revealing himself to me, similar to my testimony, a supernatural experience. Then there are other ways he speaks to me, it can be through scripture, worship song, conversation with other people or other people's actions that have then made me be in awe and go WOW, was that really you God?

Don't think that this happens every time I pray, sometimes there is no immediate response, just like those months leading up to me attending Momentum. But I know God is listening and that Gods timing is perfect.

*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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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**Summer Fayre – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – 1-4pm**

Stalls will include;

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

Please bring donations of goods for these stalls over the coming weeks!

**Saturday Brunch – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – 10-12**



### St Swithun'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 Swithun's Day – whether rainy or sunny – it will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights. St Swithun'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 Swithun'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 Swithun'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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm in the Community Room with cheese & wine**