





13th October 2019

17th Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Life is a journey. Our Christian life is a journey of discovery of the God in whose image we are created. The most wonderful experience a human can have is to capture a glimpse of the mystery of God. That discovery comes about for the Christian by the telling and retelling of the story, of our experience of the God of love, our creator God, the God of compassion.

I know very well that when someone wants to tell me their story, they want to talk. They don't want me to talk. They have a need, as we all do, to tell the story of their particular journey, of their life experience. It is through the telling of our stories that we discover who we are. I suspect that is why teenagers spend so much time texting their friends. It is the age in which they are discovering a new self. How else can they discover it except by telling their story again and again until they are sure they know it? They need to recognize who they are.

Do you know who you are? Have you told your story?

Today's Service

This week is Morning Service
Readings are Genesis 6 vs 5-22
Mark 7 vs 14-23

Next week is Holy Communion Readings are **Genesis 7 vs 11-24** Romans 6 vs 15-23

Today's Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray...

Jean Marlene Michael Doreen Minti Ronnie Carys Rachel John John Norma & David Bernard Lvnn Andrew Will Barbara Wendy Yasmin Lynn Kirsty Sean Marlene Jennifer Colin Catherine Natalie Pat W Sylvia Esme Rose Mike Enid

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...

ALPHA COURSE

We had a great start to our Alpha Course last week; we currently have 12 people doing the course! But it's not too late to join in! So why not come and join us this Tuesday at St Bede's, 7.3opm-9pm? The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith and ask those questions that you've always wanted to ask. Each week we watch a short film and then we have space for discussion where people can ask questions and say what they think. For more info see Vinny.

INCOME SURVEY FORMS

During October, we are asking all regular members of St Bede's (over the age of 16) to fill in an anonymous income survey form. These forms are used to calculate the amount of money we as a church contribute to the costs of the wider church (Diocese of Manchester) who cover amongst other things the cost of clergy. Please help us by filling in a form and posting the form in the box at the back of church. Even if you have little or no income, it would really help if you could fill a form in.

DIOCESAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP (DEF) MEETING

Tuesday 15th October, 12.15pm-2pm, St Andrews Church

with guest speaker Bishop Chris Edmondson (former Bishop of Bolton). An open meeting to anyone who would like to join us as Bishop Chris comes back to speak with us. Bring your sandwiches! For further information please see the flyers at the back of church

PRAYER DIARIES

The Church Army Prayer Diaries are now available in the foyer. Please take a copy.

STOP PRESS

The latest day for submissions this week is Thursday.

JAM JARS NEEDED

Can you please bring your clean jam jars to Church. Thanks



LADIES "HIGH STREET" FASHION SHOW

Kirsty Critchley is organizing a Ladies "High Street" Fashion Show on Thursday 5th December (TBC). Clothes to be taken away on the night with up to 70% off the rrp. All proceeds from the evening will go to Church and Unique – our chosen charity. £5 per ticket which includes a glass of fizz \$\mathbb{\mathbb{R}}\$. Venue to be confirmed.

We have to guarantee 100 ladies! So please let Kirsty know if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS

A sheet was given out last week with items for donation for this year's Christmas Fayre. Please being your donations in as soon as possible.

BODY SHOP EVENING

Thursday 17th October -7.30pm Community Room. Tickets £4.00 (includes Cheese & Wine) available today.

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

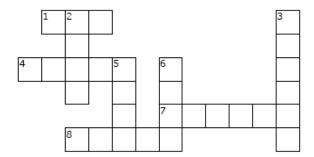
NOAH AND THE ARK

'Build a boat of cypress wood for yourself. Make rooms in it and cover it inside and outside with tar. This is how big I want you to build the boat: 140 metres long, 23 metres wide, and 13.5 metres high. Make an opening around the top of the boat that is 0.5 metres high from the edge of the roof down. Put a door in the side of the boat. Make an upper, middle, and lower deck in it.' *Genesis 6: 14-16 (NCV)*



CROSSWORD

The crossword below contains words from today's reading from Genesis 6:5-22



ACROSS

- A large wooden ship built by Noah
- A large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry
- A creature that lives and moves but is not a human
- The third planet in distance from the sun; the planet on which we live

DOWN

- 2. The covering that forms the top of a building, vehicle, etc:
- Men, women, and children generally; human beings
- The entrance into something such as a room or building
- A good man chosen by God to build an ark

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...

Body Shop Evening – Thursday 17th October -7.30pm Community Room. Tickets £4.00 (includes Cheese & Wine)



Christmas Fayre – Saturday 16th November



Winter Warmer Luncheon – Saturday 18th January 2020 – 12.15pm. Tickets £6.00

