

17th
November
2019

2nd Sunday before Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

My husband Norman recently had a health scare which had the potential to be very serious indeed. The two weeks between seeing his GP and attending hospital for tests were some of the worst weeks of my life. Even though I have faith and prayed for God's intervention, anxiety grabbed me by the throat and doubt and despondency also 'put the boot in'.

Then one particularly difficult night when sleep was impossible and tears flowed freely, a voice came into my head which said "Sharron read your Bible". "Ok", I said "I'll try anything to quell this terrible fear rising inside me". I opened the Bible at the Old Testament recounting the tribes of Israel. "Well this is fine but I cant see a message here for me". I then turned to the New Testament and 'randomly' opened it at Mark's gospel, Chapter One verse 40 'Jesus heals a man with leprosy' and in Chapter 2 'Jesus forgives and heals a paralysed man'. Well now, this is God telling me to "be still and fear not". I was still worried but knew that God was with us whatever was going to happen. Thankfully, on Monday, we got the good news that no malignancy had been found. I immediately thanked God for His great love and mercy. Norman tells me that, at no time was he worried as "several years ago now I gave my life to God and I am in His hands". What faith he has!

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion**

Readings are **Luke 21 vs 5-19** & **2 Thessalonians 3 vs 6-13**

Next week is **Baptism**

Readings are **Colossians 1 vs 11-20**

Today's Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation : stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord



Please pray...

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

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 DINNER ON JESUS UPDATE

Drum roll please.....

Total jars donated to date is;

411

Many thanks to all those who have donated jars of Cranberry Sauce towards our pledge of 890 jars to Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign. The deadline for contributions is **30th November** so make sure you bring your jars in before then! Please note the jars need to be 200g sized in order to fit into the Christmas Dinner on Jesus Boxes.

Also, here at St Bede's we can also nominate local families to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus. If you know of a person or family who is struggling or who have just had a rough year and you'd like to nominate them; please contact Vinny.

Capita Manchester Operations in the city Centre have also joined the campaign (where Tony works) along with St Bede Primary Academy. Thanks to all!!

STOP PRESS

Last date for submissions in **THURSDAY** this week.

LADIES "HIGH STREET" FASHION SHOW

Kirsty Critchley is organizing a Ladies "High Street" Fashion Show on **Thursday 5th December Over Hulton Conservative Club.**

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



Jingle Bell Sing-A-Long

December 7 @ 6:45 pm - 9:30 pm

*Victoria Hall, 37 Knowsley St, Bolton
Bolton, Greater Manchester BL1 2AS*

Add a touch of sparkle and cheer to your festive preparations with a treat for the whole family and join us for a magical concert of heart-warming yuletide favourites: come along and sing-a-long!

WAIT!

Wednesday 4th December 7.30pm, St Andrews Over Hulton

Following our recent joint away day; we are holding a joint prayer meeting for St Bede's and St Andrews to come together and wait on God and pray for our churches and where God is leading us and what better time to do this than Advent! Do put this date in your diaries and join us. There will be a time of worship, quiet space for prayer and time for sharing.



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St Bede Charity Partner 2019;



TOY SERVICE

The Christmas Toy Service will be on **Sunday 1st December** when a representative from Bolton Lions will receive new toys from the congregation for the Toy Appeal. Please bring a new toy that day for the Bolton Lions Toy Appeal. There is no need to wrap the gift as all gift wrapping will be done by numbers of Bolton Lions. Thank you for your generous donations to this very worthy cause.

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



Have you ever tried praying?
How often do you pray?
Where do you pray?

When we pray we can use the letters of SPOON as a framework for our prayers:



- S** **Sorry** - We can say sorry to God to ask for forgiveness for the things we have done that we should not have done and the things that we have said that we should not have said.
- P** **Praise** - we can say thank you to God for his many blessings.
- O** **Others** - We can pray for other people that we know, people who we think need God's help.
- O** **Ourselves** - We can ask God to help us when we need guidance, when we are worried, when we need peace.
- N** **Needs** - We can pray for the needs of the world around us.

Why not try using the Spoon Prayer to structure your prayers at home.

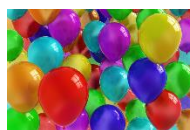
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

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...

Lostock Church Christmas Fayre



Ladies "High Street" Fashion Show - Thursday 5th December Over Hulton Conservative Club. Tickets are £5.00 and include a delicious mince pie!

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

REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY AT ST BEDE ACADEMY



OUR DIOCESAN VISION & CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED DEANERY STRUCTURE



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Our Vision

Manchester is a vibrant diocese of opportunity and creativity. Its rich mixture of church traditions makes it a wonderful place to engage in Gospel ministry.

Our diocesan vision is to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community. We want to be a **Church for a Different World**. All our energy, effort and prayer is focused on achieving our vision by 2030.

A new, short film, released today, brings our vision to life. With examples of creative and varied ministry across the diocese, we hope it will excite, encourage and inspire you.

We invite you to view the film and to share it with your colleagues and congregations. The video is also being shared on our social media channels today and is available on the diocesan website.

Proposed deanery changes

We recognise that to achieve this exciting vision for the future, we need to change the way we organise ourselves as the diocese.

New proposals have been developed by 'task and finish' groups set up by Bishop David, each with clergy and lay representatives selected because of their individual gifts, experience and insights. The proposed changes are:

- a consolidation of the current 20 deaneries into seven deaneries
- a move towards a new full-time Area Dean role, providing leadership for change and development, as well as flexible parish cover.

Early proposals were shared at four archdeaconry briefing sessions in September.