



24th
November
2019

Christ the King

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

EXPLORING MORE ABOUT WHAT A CHRISTENING MEANS

Every child is precious and precious to God. We want the very best for them, and so does God. We want them to make right choices in life, for themselves and for others.

A christening is just the beginning of this and so much more.

Over the years to come, it's a journey you'll share together with your child by:

- **Being there for your child** to talk to about the bigger questions of life – questions about hope, faith and love.
- **Praying for your child** through the ups and downs of their faith journey.
- **Showing them practically** how to make those good choices in life.
- **Helping them to learn more about their Christian faith**, through their church and in other ways.

So, it's a commitment to start as you mean to go on.

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Baptism**

Reading is **Colossians 1 vs 11-20**

Next week is **Family Communion**

Reading is **Matthew 24 vs 36-44**

Today's Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in one glory.



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 (as at last count);

624

Fantastic effort from everyone. Thanks to all!!

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Want an Advent calendar that encourages faith? We have some of The Real Advent Calendar Fairtrade chocolate advent calendars for sale after the service today. Each calendar contains a free 24 page activity booklet, designed to be used every day in Advent. This is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story.

They are priced at £4. Please see Carol if you would like to purchase a Real Advent Calendar that encourages the real meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to all who attended and took part in the Christmas Fayre. We have raised a staggering £1,485

thank
you!

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 the following stalls confirmed;

- ✓ Flutter By Creations - selling handmade personalised cards and gifts
- ✓ The Christmas Tree Farm
- ✓ Flowers Made By Me
- ✓ Bodyshop
- ✓ Occasions by luscious treats - selling mini desserts and sweets
- ✓ St Bede Stall

We also have some great raffle prizes!!

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

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.



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester



**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

BAPTISM

'When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too.'
Luke 3:21 (NIV)

Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his ministry. Our baptism marks the beginning of our new life in Jesus. Baptism is a symbol of new life in Christ.



WORDSEARCH



The words are from Luke 3:15-22 and can be found on page 1029 in the pew bible.

L P Q S P I R I T O P P W G M
 U B S O M N L L F E R O A V C
 M U U L E K N L J L A U T M K
 E Z Z V Y O E U E V Y S E P U
 U L A Z O R G A S Q I P R B X
 C E E T I R K P U W N V W M M
 H Y R F U L W C S L G L B J N
 S J Y Z D Q H D U Q V R X I F
 H T O K U X J F O L A O E W R
 A O M H O Y R H K Q H T I Z J
 D A L B N E P V Z Q U U T C M
 B O Z Y W I M C H R I S T F E
 K V V O A S X S P E O P L E Q
 K E P E X D O P E N E D P V S
 B A P T I Z E U Z V F V L D S

Spirit
 opened
 people

John
 Jesus
 praying

voice
 dove
 heaven

Christ
 powerful
 Holy

fire
 water
 baptize

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





Tony's Training Update – Reader Ministry Training

I thought that this week was an ideal opportunity to give everyone an update on where I am up to in my Reader Ministry Training.

I have successfully completed my 1st module – Introduction to Christian Worship in which I achieved a PASS. The module aim was to explore how to lead worship by crafting a service. During the journey I explored the ways in which our use of music, the bible, and the seasons of the year, shape our worship.

Worship holds up a mirror to what we believe which is why the Church of England has rules about public worship. We looked at the Eucharist and ways in which our communities might be more inclusive.

Today, I am attending my 2nd Reader Study Day at The All Saints Centre for Mission & Ministry in Warrington, on the Chester University Campus. These study days are focused on one of my modules; Foundations for Ministry & Mission on Context. In these sessions we will look at what is required of ministers of the Gospel and what are the implications of this? We then look at the biblical and theological foundations of lay and ordained ministries and then what skills of analysis, reflection, collaboration and leadership might I need in my ministry?

I have just started my 2nd Thursday night module on; Introduction to Preaching. This module is designed to help preachers explore and develop understanding, knowledge and practice of preaching in pastoral contexts. Sessions include taking a look at the how the content of sermons might be identified and shaped through exegesis and imagination, how congregations play a role in preaching and how we grow in understanding of ourselves as preachers.

Although there is a lot of work and getting back into writing assignments has been tough, I am thoroughly enjoying the course and am looking forward to developing in my ministry.

Please keep me in your prayers †

Tony