

15<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

This week in school I was reminded that small changes can have a huge impact and we have already seen this in how people have come together to support the collection of cranberry sauce for the hampers for Christmas Dinner on Jesus. After Tony's sermon last week, I was left reflecting about Christmas and the preparation of Jesus. For a moment I felt guilty about looking forward to all Christmas brings: food, presents and family / friends celebrating as I do look forward to all those things; it makes me feel truly blessed. However when I sat in church and reflected I thought, have I focused on all those things and also do I take time to prepare for Jesus or do we go through the motions and attend church because that's what a good Christian does? Then I realised, maybe I'm one of the lucky ones. As in my life there has been many tough times. As some of you know my mum was a poorly lady and to her credit, she never lost her faith. On losing my mum I realised at my lowest Jesus / God had always been there even in my darkest days. So I am blessed and at this time of year we celebrate the coming of Jesus however we also are celebrating everything else we are lucky to have; family and friends in whatever way we celebrate. As those roots, like our Christian faith give us, it gives us hope for what lies ahead. Even though this is a very special time of year we are celebrating that Jesus is always with us 24/7. Even if we are not ready for him, He is always ready for us. We should all feel truly blessed. So, I wish you all the best at this very special time of year.

Gill W

## Today's Service

This week is **Celebration for Christmas**

Next week is **Christmas Carol Service**

### Today's Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to  
prepare the way for your Son:  
give us courage to speak the  
truth, to hunger for justice, and  
to suffer for the cause of right,  
with 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  
Joanne  
Jon  
Matt  
Megan  
Mary  
Ann  
Stephen

*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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 Diocese of Manchester



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## News...

### REV. KEITH ASHWORTH – FORMER VICAR OF ST BEDE - 1983 - 1995

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the death of Keith, who will be remembered with affection and gratitude for his twelve-year ministry here at St Bede's as Vicar. Keith died after a short illness on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December in Preston Hospital, leaving his Wife Myra, whom we will all remember in our prayers. Keith was a faithful preacher of the Gospel, taking every opportunity to witness to the salvation, which is brought to us by Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whose birthday we celebrate on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. Although it is with human sadness that we hear of Keith's death, as Christians, we rejoice that God has called His servant Keith, home to glory. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for the peace of God which passes all understanding to comfort Myra at this time. There will be a service of Thanksgiving for Keith's life at All Saints Church, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 3RN at 2.00pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Malcolm

### CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Our young people lead us today in a fresh look at Christmas. Please stay after today's service for drinks & mince pies.



### STOP PRESS

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

**Please note that there will be no newsletter on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

### THE MARKET PLACE CHRISTMAS PRAYER STATION- 'COME TAKE A PAUSE...SAY A PRAYER'

The Market Place Christmas Prayer Station, 'Come Take a Pause ...Say a Prayer', is up and ready to go! It's situated on the first floor of the Market Place in front of the lift between The Entertainer and Next stores. If you're in town over the next 3 weeks please pay a visit and add a prayer request/message of thanks to the Christmas trees. Also please encourage family, friends and members of your congregations/groups/local community to go along

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec to Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Market Place Shopping Centre, Bolton,**

**in front of the lift between Next and The Entertainer stores - available 8am to 11pm every day.**

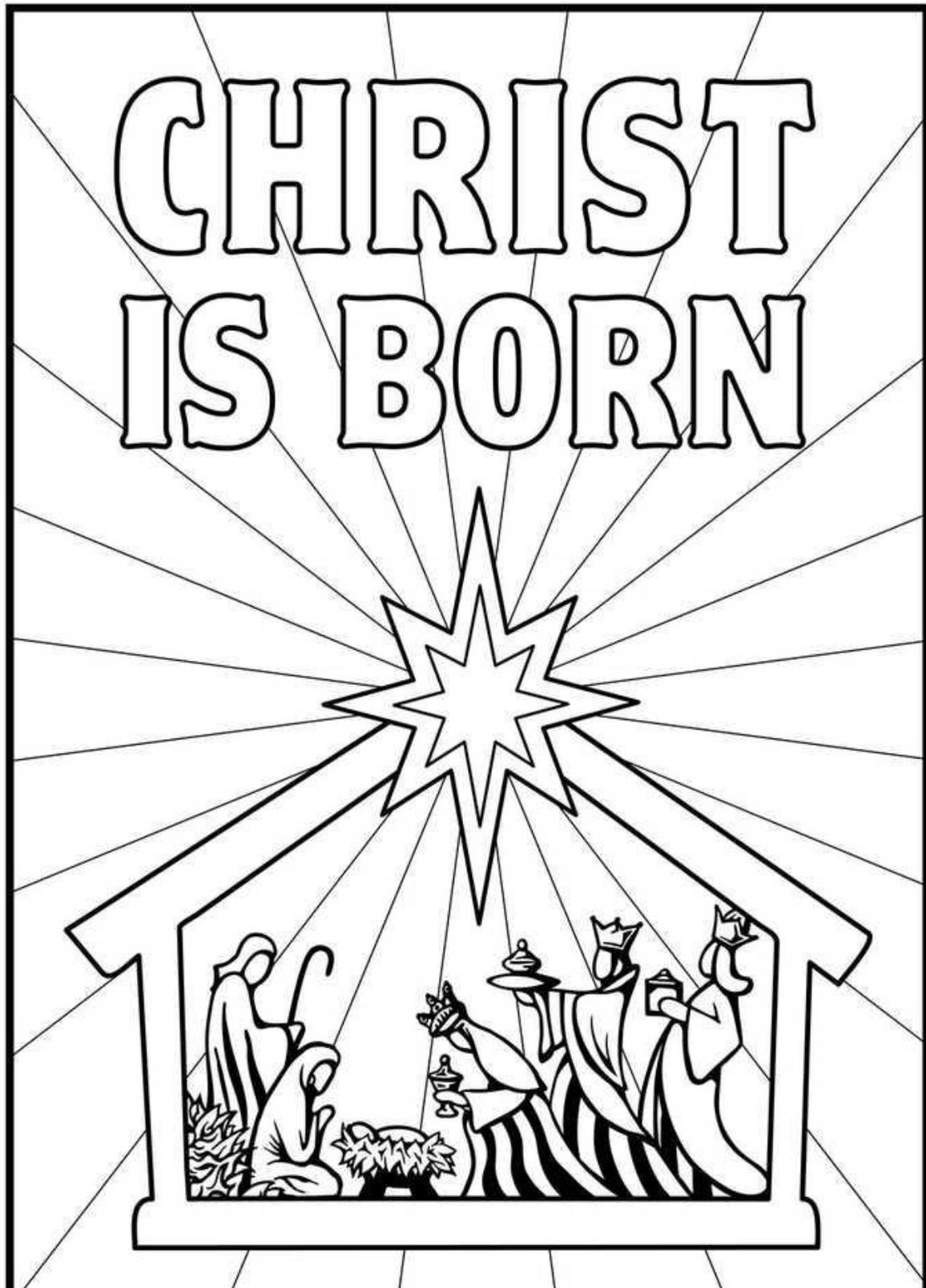
A huge well done to Adele Walker (the Thy Kingdom Come in Bolton Prayer Team and Bridge Church Bolton), Joy Kilpatrick (Create Bolton) and all others involved for all their hard work and creativity in setting up the prayer station.



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

## COLOURING PAGE



*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...

Winter Warmer Luncheon – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 12.15pm. Tickets £6.00 – available from today!

