

22<sup>nd</sup>  
December  
2019

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

*The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel' (Is 7:14).*

This well-known affirmation by the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah into human history. It already gives us a taste of the proximity of that marvelous, stupendous day which will be the '*dies natalis* (Day of Birth)' of Jesus. It was foretold by the prophets and proclaimed throughout the whole of Scripture that He would be the One who would fulfil and bring them to completion. Our God will be incarnated and born due to the generous willingness of the 'Virgin' who, from the very beginning of time, was chosen to be the Mother of the Saviour.

## Today's Service

This week is **Christmas Carol Service**

Next service **Christmas Eve Crib Service 6.30pm**

### Today's Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation 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  
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.*



## News...

### FOLLOW THE STAR

If you would like to spend more time this Christmas reflecting on Jesus and your own journey with Jesus; the Church of England have a great resource called 'Follow the Star' where they will send you daily reflections over Christmas to help you continue to worship Him. To sign up log on to

[www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar)



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Manchester



St Bede Charity  
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Join us at St Bede's Church this Christmas...

**Sunday 15th December 10am**  
**A Celebration of Christmas**  
Join us for carols and come and see our children and young people lead us in a fresh look at Christmas. Mince Pies and drinks will be served after the service.

**Sunday 22nd December 10am**  
**Candlelit Carol Service**  
Join us for our candlelit carol service as we go through carols and readings. Mince Pies and drinks will be served after the service.

**Tuesday 24th December 6.30pm**  
**Christmas Eve Family Crib Service**  
Join us for our all age Christmas Eve service with carols.

**Wednesday 25th December 10am**  
**Christmas Day Family Communion Service**  
Celebrate Christmas with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

### STOP PRESS

Last date for submissions for next newsletter is **THURSDAY** week commencing 06/01/2020.

**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.

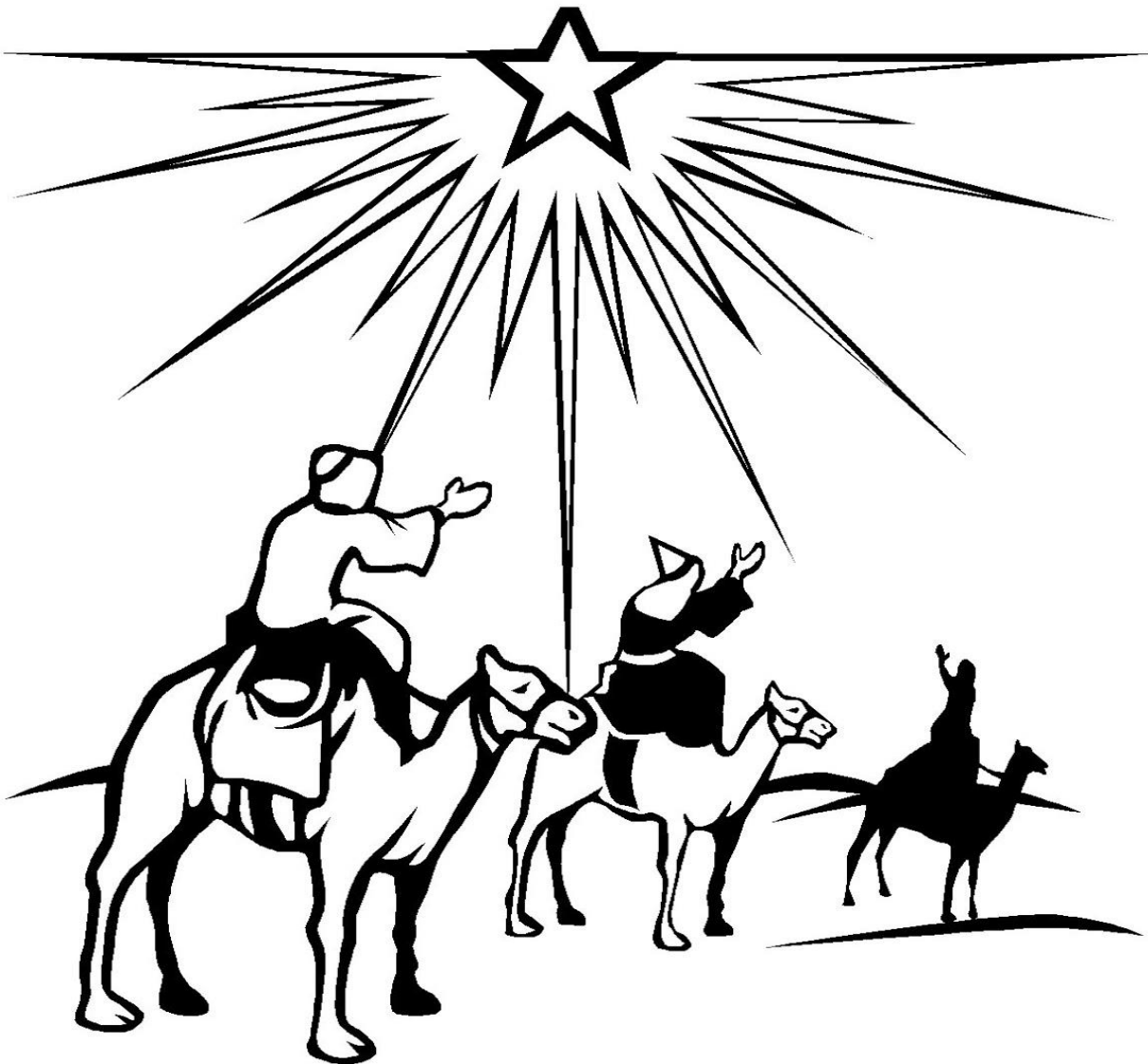


Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events, but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

COLOURING PAGE

## Following The Star



*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!

