



**19th January
2020**

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

There are lots of notices this week so there is no Editorial or Church Rocks and Shiny Pebbles page to make room! Back next week!

CHURCH ARMY PRAYER DIARIES

The Church Army Prayer diaries & their Impact Report are available in the porch. Please take a copy. See Freda Turner with any questions.

PRAYER LIST

Please can I ask that you review the prayer list and let me know if there any amendments. Thank you

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion**
Readings are **Luke 19 vs 1-10**
Romans 10 vs 5-13

Next week is **Together for God**
Readings are **Luke 5 vs 17-26**

Today's Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray...

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

ST BEDE'S VISION MEETING

Monday 27th January 7.30pm-9pm, St Bede's

Where is God leading us as a church? Following our away morning in October; we are meeting again to dream dreams, to seek where God is leading us, and developing our Mission Action Plan. This is a meeting open to everyone - together we are the church and so everyone's voice is important. Enter the church through the main door as we are meeting in the church lounge.

LENT COURSE 2020 - FAITH PICTURES

This year St Bede's and St Andrew's are coming together for a Joint Lent Course called 'Faith Pictures'. Produced by the Church Army, this 6-week course will equip each of us to talk naturally about our faith with others. The course will run every **Wednesday night**, 7.30pm at St Andrews and will begin on Wednesday 4th March.

St Bede's and St Andrews will also be holding a joint **Ash Wednesday Communion Service** on **Wednesday 26th February 7.30pm** at St Bede's and a joint **Maundy Thursday meal**, 7.30pm at St Andrews. Please do put all these dates in your diary.

CAP EVENT

The Rossendale Christians Against Poverty (CAP) job club are running a fundraising event for CAP.

Tickets are available from Andrew Parkinson at St Andrews or on the door!. There is a Bar and nibbles on the tables.

STOP PRESS

Last date for submissions for next newsletter is **WEDNESDAY** next week.

ST BEDE'S CHARITY PARTNER 2020

We are delighted to announce that our final donations to Unique, St Bede's Charity Partner for 2019, amounted to **£631** for the year. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events over the year and contributed to this total.

St Bede's PCC have agreed that for this year, 2020, we are going to have 2 charity partners; **Bolton Cancer Voices** and **Create Bolton**. During the year we hope to hold special services where we can hear more about their work.

BIBLE OVERVIEW COURSE

Begins: **Saturday 22nd January, 9am-12pm**

Imagine trying to understand and enjoy just one chapter of an Agatha Christie novel without knowing the plot so far. An isolated chapter would seem confusing and dull.

The Bible can also appear strange when read as disjointed sections without an understanding of how the books fit together! The Bible has a plot and central themes that its' ultimate author (God) developed from beginning to end. What we need is a big picture of Scripture, a "Bird's Eye View of The Bible ". Are you ready to see the "Big Picture"? If so, then join Kwez and Glynn at St Andrews for the adventure to begin. All notes will be supplied, but it would be useful if you could bring your own Bible with you and, of course, a sense of humour. The overview will last for five weeks of about three hours each and will be on Saturday mornings 9 – 12 noon (followed by a short lunch) from 25 January until 22 February.

If you would like to join us please let us know in advance by completing the sign-up sheet at the back of church or by phone so we can be sure we have enough material and food Tel 07855 522 439

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.

Local News



You may not be aware, but the CLC Christian Bookshop in Bolton is closing at the end of January 2020 and we have been called to continue and expand the ministry locally.

From the early days when George Verwer from OM (Operation Mobilisation) opened the Wesley Owen bookshop in 1964, there has been a Christian Bookshop ministry here in Bolton. In 2009 CLC International (UK) took on the shop, but due to a change in direction and the fact the YMCA are due to knock the building down in April, the CLC bookshop closes on 30th January.

Why do we feel a calling to carry on this ministry?

We believe there is a need for a Christian presence in the high street, providing easy access to the Gospel. People currently come to find a peaceful atmosphere, to talk about their needs and for prayer.

In the past people have come to faith through our ministry in the shop. Our aim is to reach people through Christian Literature, and encourage them in their walk with God.

Along with supporting individuals we would like to partner with local Churches and equip them with the resources they need.

So, here is the really exciting bit: ***We are moving!***

The lease has been agreed and pending the legalities being dealt with, we are hoping to open in Unit 1, 2-5 Crown Street, in early to mid-February as '***Isaiah 53 Christian Bookshop***'.

To serve the local community, David Thurairatnam will be the Shop Manager, and many of the existing team have offered to continue volunteering, which is an amazing answer to prayer, as is the support of the local Church.

We have already setup a not-for-profit limited company with five directors with a range of professional experience, leadership roles and of course a living relationship with Jesus; once established we hope to register as a charity, with profits planned to be routed to local projects.

Being a 'Kingsway CLC Trust Partner Shop' means we will be able to offer the best support to our customer base with rapid fulfilment of orders.

The basic setting up costs are not too high as we have support from the Kingsway CLC Trust, and some friendly builders, however, to get established as quickly as possible, we do have some financial needs that we would ask kindly for you to pray over and see whether you feel called to partner with us financially as well as prayerfully.

The main things we need funds for are:

- # Supply of flooring materials and having them laid.
- # Stud wall with door to create a storeroom.
- # Alteration to existing partition wall to create a small office.
- # Supply and installation of a suspended ceiling.
- # Alterations and improvements to electrics.
- # Supply and installation of two heating units.
- # Supply and installation of LED lighting panels.
- # Signage design, fabrication and installation.
- # Health & Safety surveys.
- # Till system.

(not an exhaustive list)

As we are on a very short turnaround, to make it easy to support this setup stage, we have created a crowdfunding page which you can find here www.crowdfunder.co.uk/isaiah53bolton.

If you prefer to do a direct transfer the BACS details are: 60-83-71 83091390.

Cheques can be made out to 'Isaiah 53 Christian Bookshop' and posted to:

FAO Isaiah 53, CLC Bookshop, 129 Deansgate, Bolton, BL1 1HA up till end of January.

From the beginning of February: [Isaiah 53 Christian Bookshop, Unit 1, 2-5 Crown Street, Bolton, BL1 2RU](#).

Yours with Christian love,
David & Melanie Thurairatnam,
(on behalf of the Directors of Isaiah 53 Christian Bookshop Ltd)

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...

Next Fundraising Meeting – Monday 20th January 2020 8.00pm - All welcome

