





# 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

# **Editorial**

In the reading for today, after the healing of the ten lepers, the focus narrows to one of the ten, who alone turns back glorifying God and prostrating himself at Jesus' feet thanking him. This verb for thank is the one used when Jesus thanks God for the bread and cup at the last supper (22:17, 19; see also Paul in Acts 27:35). It is the basis for our word Eucharist. Only after he prostrates himself in thanksgiving do we learn that the one who has turned back in this borderland is a Samaritan. Samaritans were the unlovely outsiders of Jesus' day, and we can think about who that might be for our congregations and ourselves. These unappealingly different and unwelcome outsiders, along with outsiders generally, are received positively by Jesus in Luke. We see this most notably in the parable of 10:25-37, in which it is a Samaritan, and not the respectable religious people, who demonstrates love for his neighbour by showing mercy to a wounded stranger

# Today's Service

This week is Holy Communion Readings are Luke 17 vs 11-19 & Ephesians 1 vs 3-14

Next week is Songs of Praise Sunday

#### Today's Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.



#### Please pray...

Jean Michael Doreen Minti Ronnie Carys John John David Bernard Lvnn Andrew Will Barbara Wendy Yasmin Lynn Kirsty Sean Marlene Jennifer Colin Catherine Natalie Sylvia Esme Rose Mike Paul Jon Matt Megan Mary Ann Stephen Steph

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...

#### 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, 7.3opm at St Andrews and will begin on Wednesday 4th March.

St Bede's and St Andrews will also be holding a joint <u>Ash Wednesday</u>
<u>Communion Service</u> on <u>Wednesday 26th</u>
<u>February 7.3opm</u> at St Bede's and a joint <u>Maundy Thursday meal</u>, 7.3opm at St Andrews. Please do put all these dates in your diary.

#### **BELIEVE IN BOLTON MISSION**

Over the weekend of the 15th-17th May, the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, is leading a mission weekend across Bolton called 'Believe in Bolton'. Over the weekend there will be numerous evangelistic events across Bolton where you can invite your family and friends to hear the Gospel presented in a clear and relevant way including a comedy night with Christian comedian Andy Kind at Over Hulton Conservative Club on Friday 15th May which is being hosted by our LAMB Mission Partnership. Do keep these dates in your diary. There are also 'Believe in Bolton' Mission Prayer Diaries available at the back of church TODAY. Please do take one and get praying for this very important outreach in our town.

#### Thank you

#### STOP PRESS

Last date for submissions for next newsletter is WEDNESDAY next week

#### **EASTER EGG BINGO**

We need donations of Easter Eggs; all shapes and sizes, to have for your Easter Egg Bingo on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We also need some small eggs for hiding for the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Day.

#### SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY – 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

Back by popular demand, this will be a chance for us to sing your favourite hymns! Sheets will be given out in the coming weeks for you to tell us the hymn is your favourite and to get this into the service! Request sheets and flyers are available today. Please choose your favourite Hymn, tell us why it's your favourite and bring it back TODAY. Please hand to Tony or Carol. We cannot guarantee all entries will make it into the service.

#### **VACANCY**

The Children's Group are looking for a volunteer to assist Carol, Rachael and Sharon with the Church Children's Group which is held twice a month. The position is obviously subject to a DBS check and safeguarding training. If you feel that Children's ministry is something that God is calling you to, please come and talk to either Carol, Rachael or Sharon, to find out more about what it involves. Thank you

#### Carol

#### **UPDATE ON READER TRAINING**

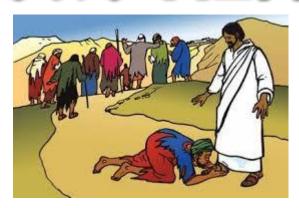
Next Sunday is my last Sunday with you. I will be joining All Saints, Stand in Whitefield for my placement. I will be taking part in services as preacher, leader and Liturgical Deacon during my time there. I visited the Church last Sunday and the people are very friendly, but I am anxious about it so please keep me in your prayers.

#### Tony

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.

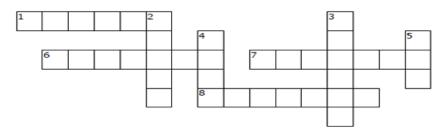
# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

# JESUS HEALS



One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17: 15 (NIV)

# CROSSWORD based on Luke 17: 11-19



#### **ACROSS**

- A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
- A community smaller in than a city
- To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
- An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

#### **DOWN**

- To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
- To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
- 4. To restore to health
- 5. The number equal to 7 + 3

THANK	TEN	CLEANSE	LEPROSY
PRAISE	HEAL	PRIEST	VILLAGE

#### 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.

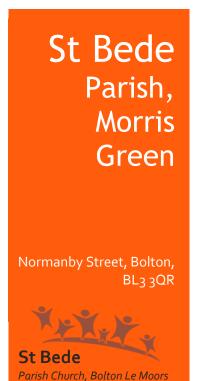
Please try to support the social and fundraising events as they are vital not only to the financial wellbeing of our Church, but are great opportunities to get to know one another better.

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...**

Easter Egg Bingo - Saturday 28th March 2020 6.00pm

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 After morning service in the Church Grounds

Next Fundraising Meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7.30pm - All welcome



## Other News...



Trinity Methodist Church, Market St., Farnworth are hosting The Knitted Bible exhibition, a one in a lifetime experience for young and old.

33 scenes from Adam and Eve right through to Christ's crucifixion, something not to be missed.

Open to the public Fri and Sat 21st and 22nd March 10.00am - 2.00pm with refreshments being available.



Anyone who would like to help James by attending his fundraising concert on 21st March, tickets are £6 each (includes hot supper) available from Sharron or Rachael.

## Thank you