

# 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

The first Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

Lent is a season on the Church calendar that sets aside time each year for believers to focus on the sacrifice and salvation of the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. Lent lasts for 47 days. Traditionally Lent consists of 40 days of fasting and repentance and 7 feast days on Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. Different cultures and different congregations observe Lent in different ways.

Typically, everyone who I know that does Lent gives up something for the 47 days. And what I've always been taught is that you are supposed to give up something that is hindering your relationship with God. So, I have been thinking a lot about what I should give up. But I keep coming back to this thought that just because I give something up, that does not guarantee that I will work on and develop further my relationship with God. Maybe rather than give something, take something up. Make time reading the Bible, praying, or just sitting quietly with Jesus. I don't think that giving up something will benefit my relationship with God. So my advice, choose carefully for His glory!

Tony

## Today's Service

This week is **Family Holy Communion** Reading is **Acts 3 vs 1-10**

Next week is **Holy Communion** Reading is **John 1 vs 35-42**

### Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your savings love in Jesus Christ our Lord



### Please pray...

Jean	Kirsty
Michael	Sean
Doreen	Marlene
Minti	Jennifer
Ronnie	Colin
Carys	Catherine
John	Natalie
John	Sylvia
David	Esme Rose
Bernard	Mike
Lynn	Paul
Andrew	Jon
Will	Matt
Barbara	Megan
Wendy	Mary
Yasmin	Ann
Lynn	Stephen
Norman	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 Wednesday, 7.30pm, Fellowship  
Room at St Andrews Church

This week, we are beginning our joint Lent Course with St Andrew's called 'Faith Pictures'. The aim of this 6 week course is to help us to talk more naturally about our faith with those around us. The sessions are as follows:

- ✝ Wednesday 4th March - Opening the Conversation
- ✝ Wednesday 11th March - The Power of the Ordinary
- ✝ Wednesday 18th March - Traveller's Tales
- ✝ Wednesday 25th March - Talking Pictures
- ✝ Wednesday 1st April - Companions on the Journey
- ✝ Wednesday 8th April - Hidden Opportunities

Each session begins at 7.30pm and finishes at 9pm at St Andrews. Do come and join us as we gather together as churches and share fellowship with one another.

### 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.

### 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.

### LENTEN FILM BOX FILL

As we have reached the 10<sup>th</sup> year since the start of the film box fill, we would like your support for filling them once again. £1.00 and 50p coins please with the children who take part using 20p to fill the boxes.

The TOTAL proceeds are divided between Church and our 2 charities for 2020; Bolton Caner Voices and Create Bolton. The boxes will be available at the back of church for the duration of Lent and if you can fill more than 1, that would be great!

Any information, please see Freda or Rodney Turner and return the filled boxes by Easter Sunday. If you are a tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid envelope so we can reclaim 20% and hand that in with the box(es).

Thank you for your support.

*Freda & Rodney*

### STOP PRESS

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

The phrase  
"do not be afraid"  
is written in the  
bible 365 times.  
That's a daily  
reminder from  
God to live  
every day being  
fearless.

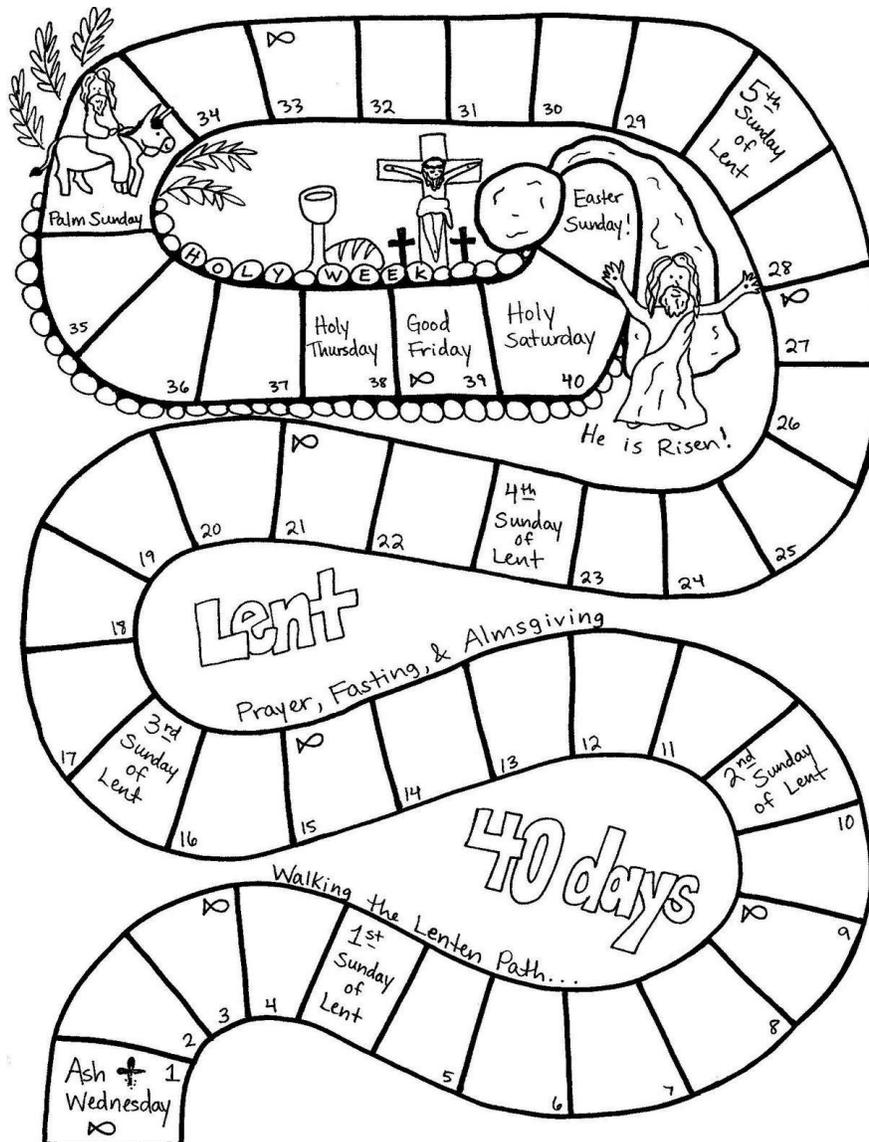
Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events, but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles



*'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.'*

Lent is the time when we prepare for the great the Christian festival of Easter. It is a time when we remember the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent alone in the desert, being tempted by the Devil. Jesus used this time to prepare and pray. During Lent, we can prepare ourselves and try to overcome our faults. We can follow the example of Jesus by giving up luxuries and spending more time in prayer, allowing God into our lives. How can you prepare during Lent? Use this lenten path to record the things you do each day.



*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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