

2nd February 2020

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Do you have a vision of what you would like our Church of St Bede's Morris Green to be in 5 years time and on into the future? Do you have ideas about how the building itself can be improved in terms of worship and community spaces or how we can improve the experience of people who come through its doors to worship, to pray, to learn about God and Jesus's teachings and to enjoy fellowship? Do you have ideas about 'new expressions of Church' that may fall outside of our ideas of traditional Sunday services? If so, we need you!

All who come through the doors are a valued part of our Church family. Many of us are at different stages of our journey through our faith and all of us are continuing to learn as we journey on. The constant in our different journeys is that God walks beside us all, running with us as we hurry through, trudging slowly with us as we carry life's burdens which sometimes drag us down and stop us in our tracks. When we stumble on our journey on the stoney path, He is there to catch us and stand us up again.

The first meeting of 'The Vision Group' took place last Monday was very productive and we were able to establish where we are now and what we have achieved. It would be great to have even more people on that group with 'vision' and passion about the future of our Church. We all have an investment in our Church family, and all views and ideas are welcome. It is not a 'closed group', you won't be asked to take on loads of work and we aren't planning to meet weekly or even monthly, but regularly to envision and plan for the future. Please pray for the Group and consider joining us. The next meeting is on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm.

Sharron

Today's Service

This week is **Family Holy Communion** Reading is **Ephesians 3 vs 1-13**

Next week is **Holy Communion** Reading is **Ephesians 3 vs 14-21**

Today's Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.



Please pray...

Jean
Michael
Doreen
Minti
Ronnie
Carys
John
John
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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Diocese of Manchester

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charity. noun
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St Bede Charity
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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**, 7.30pm 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.

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.

STOP PRESS

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

2020 FINANCE UPDATE

As we explore in our service God's purpose for us as a church; you will also receive today a short booklet outlining our Finance Update including our plans and budget for 2020. God has immeasurably more in store for us and we have some exciting plans for the future; but there are ongoing financial costs that come with these plans. Please do read the leaflet and prayerfully consider how you might respond. Next week we will be holding a gift day where you can make a one-off donation through envelopes or make a long-term commitment to support your church through standing orders. Thank you so much for your help and support in the life and ministry of our church.

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 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 phone so we can be sure we have enough material and food Tel 07855 522 439

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas, please think about donating them to Church so we can start collecting prizes for our various fundraising efforts.

SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY – 23rd 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!

CREATE BOLTON

Create Bolton are looking to recruit Trustees onto the Board of Trustees for Create Bolton. If you would like to be part of the governance of this exciting and growing charitable trust of Create Bolton, please go to the Create Bolton website and click on the link TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT for more details.

Thank you

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

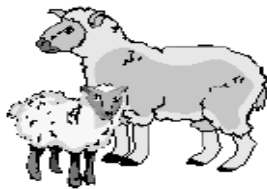
THE WORD OF GOD - THE BIBLE

The words in bold letters in the paragraph below are hidden in the puzzle.
Words can be across, down or diagonal. Can you find them all?

The **Bible** is truly a **miracle**. There are a total of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Bible was written by over 36 different people, and over a period of about 1,500 **years**. The authors came from many different backgrounds and professions. There were **fishermen**, **farmers**, **politicians**, **teachers**, **doctors**, **tentmakers** and even **kings**. It would be mathematically impossible for so many different people over so many years to write with such **harmony** and accuracy, if it were not for the **Holy Spirit**. God told these people what to write. The Bible is the **Word of God**.



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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...

Valentine's Afternoon Tea – Saturday 15th February 2020

Easter Egg Bingo - Saturday 28th March 2020 6.00pm

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

Next Fundraising Meeting – Monday 24th February 2020 7.30pm - All welcome

