

22nd March
2020

Mothering Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

I write this editorial being incarcerated at home in self-isolation along with Norman. We have taken the advice to stay at home very seriously since both of us have underlying health problems. These are very worrying times indeed, especially for the elderly, people living alone and isolated and for the vulnerable, particularly the homeless who have nowhere to self-isolate to. If there ever was a time for "loving your neighbour" it is now. If we are to survive as a society, we have to lose our fears and pull together. The scenes of people fighting for toilet rolls and bread and piling trollies high so that they can stockpile when there is no shortage of supplies, saddens me greatly. The indecisiveness of the government at the outset and conflicting advice and hype from the media including social media has not helped either.

Amongst the fear and panic Greed and Selfishness have reared their ugly heads. **Psalm 24 v 3-4** "They drive away the orphan's donkey and take the widow's ox in pledge. They thrust the needy from the path and force all the poor of the land into hiding"

Now that the crisis has forced the closure of our Churches and most of our centres of social contact, we are feeling a bit alone. St Paul was incarcerated in a very primitive jail with no comforts of home as we have whilst incarcerated in our own homes. He used the time to write letters of encouragement to the early Christian Churches who probably too felt alone and isolated. He wrote in his letter to the **Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 16 -19**, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all The Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love, that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God".

Let's use our periods of isolation/quarantine to read our bibles, pray together with our families and just to give thanks for all that He has blessed us with. For those who are not self-isolating, please make sure you contact vulnerable or isolated people each day and offer help with shopping or paying bills etc. It makes such a difference. May God's love and the strength of His Holy spirit watch over us and keep us safe through this crisis. God Bless,

Sharron

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
Fiona	

Please remember not everyone on this list is sick, they may just need your prayers!

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...

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1: 5). As a church this week we have experienced dramatic changes like never before. **Our church services are cancelled until further notice and all other church events and activities are also cancelled.** This of course is just the tip of the iceberg however considering the huge personal challenges we are all facing today. Yet we must not lose sight of our hope, and in particular our hope in Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. Even though we cannot meet together collectively in worship and prayer, our worship and prayer will not stop. Here is what we have put in place to help you worship and pray...

On Sunday 22nd March the Archbishops have called for all of us to take part in a National Day of Prayer and Action

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/latest-news/coronavirus-archbishops-call-national-day-prayer-and-action>

As part of this day; everyone is encouraged at 7pm on Sunday to light a candle and place it in their front window and to pray a prayer for our community and our nation. I hope you will join in with this in your own homes.

Although St Bede's is not open for church services; we are allowed to open the building for personal prayer. As such Malcolm and I have agreed that on Sunday, the church building will be open for people to pop in and pray between 3pm-4pm. Please: do not come if you are in an at-risk group and also if you are coming please follow all social distancing rules. Also each Sunday at 9am (from this coming Sunday) we will publish a short recorded service on youtube (www.youtube.com - search for St Bedes and St Andrews Church) that you can watch and take part in. The services will be recorded from either St Andrews/St Bedes. There will also be a link to the service from our facebook page (@St Bede Church, Morris Green, Bolton-Le-Moors).

In terms of communication; we are regularly publishing updates via our church facebook page. If you want to be kept informed then do start following St Bede's on facebook. If you are not a facebook member you can access and read the page through our website. Finally in terms of pastoral care; Malcolm Bristow and I are the designated pastoral contacts for folk at St Bede's. We have set up a small pastoral group to help support our pastoral ministry particularly those who are vulnerable. If you know of anyone who needs prayer, or would like an occasional phone call, or needs any practical help (e.g. shopping) then please contact either Malcolm or myself.

In terms of any other issues; myself, Malcolm or indeed our wardens Gill and Jean are on hand to help you. I hope that is helpful. May we as a church family be people of light as we bring the hope of Jesus to one another and to our community at this time

Vinny Priest in Charge

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles



'Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; is not proud; is not conceited; does not act foolishly; is not selfish; is not easily provoked to anger; keeps no record of wrongs; takes no pleasure in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.' ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

WORD SEARCH

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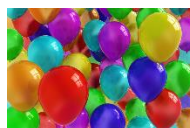
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As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.

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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