

29th March
2020

The fifth Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

What a strange and uncertain time we are in at the minute. However it's in times like these when people seem to be stronger - find that inner strength and desire to be there for each other. Times like these where we reflect on what matters. Friends, family - people. Where community comes together - naturally: through a rainbow in a window, a wave from a distance, a phone call, delivery of food or the gesture of support and help. Times when people pray without thinking - by thanking God for loved ones and key workers. Where we pray for all to be okay. However, a time to remember that God is not there to wave a magic wand he is there on our journey with us - if we allow him.

So, I leave you with a Teaspoon prayer (TSP) Sophie wrote for RE.

Thank you for my family and friends.

Sorry people are poorly and ill.

Please look after everyone.

Amen.

Keep safe

Gill Whitehead

Today's Reading

John 13 vs 1-17

Today's Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord



Please pray...

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| 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 | Yvonne |

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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OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

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St Bede Charity
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News...

CORONAVIRUS (CO-VID 19) UPDATE

A message from Vinny:

Due to Coronavirus, and following C of E and Government guidelines, from Tuesday 24th March we have had to close the church building at St Bede's and no services or activities will take place for the duration of the crisis.

However, our worship and ministry at St Bede's continues. Every Sunday at 9am we will be publishing an online recorded service on our YouTube channel (search for St Bedes and St Andrews Church). We are also publishing regular updates on our church Facebook page.

If you need to contact someone at St Bede's Church then I can still be contacted on (01204) 658921 or via e-mail (vinny@st-bede.org.uk).

Yours in Christ

Vinny



Please see the message below from Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton, about the cancellation of the Believe in Bolton Mission led by John Sentamu, Archbishop of York planned for the weekend of 15th to 17th May 2020.

Dear friends,

I am very sorry to say that we have taken the decision to cancel the Believe in Bolton Mission in May.

We have taken this decision with a heavy heart after taking heed of Government advice, the Archbishops' letter and in consultation with Archbishop Sentamu's office.

We are obviously very disappointed that the many events that have already been planned and prepared for cannot now go ahead. The Mission would have brought churches and Christians together, it would have given opportunities for hundreds of people to think about what they believe and to hear the stories of many people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus Christ; the mission would have brought an outstanding Christian leader, Archbishop Sentamu, to Bolton because he and we do believe in Bolton.

However, our first priority must be the health and well-being of our people and we could not do the Mission without significant numbers of people gathering together with all the risks that involves.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

May God continue to protect and bless you,

Yours sincerely,

Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft
Bishop of Bolton

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.

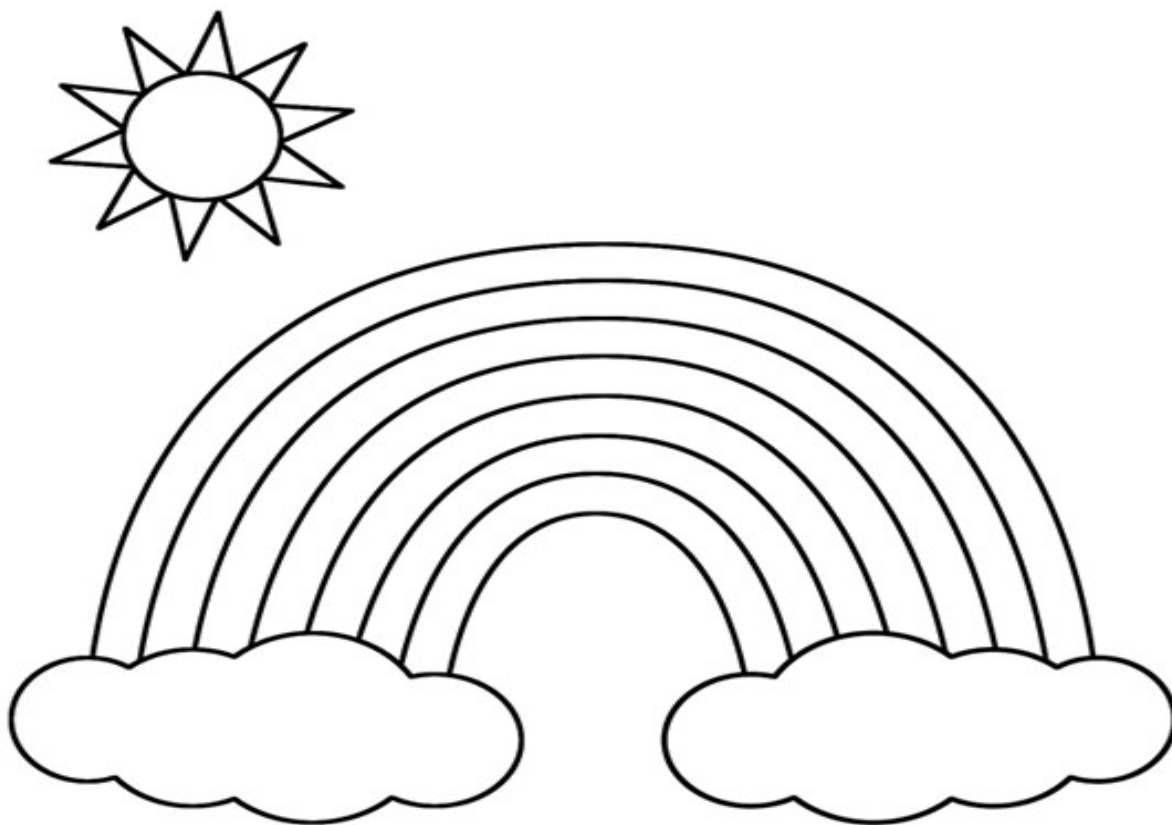
Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

GOD'S PROMISE

You may have seen in the news/social media that some homes have been putting up pictures of rainbows in their windows. In the Bible, the rainbow is a symbol of God's promise to the people of the world. It was a promise that reminded them that they were not forgotten and it provided them with a sense of optimistic hope.

Perhaps the rainbows that are being displayed in the windows are a reminder that there is always hope - no matter how bad thing may seem. May we cling onto God's promise and when you see one of those rainbows, may you be reminded that His promises never fail.

Why not colour your own rainbow and display it in the window. In addition, there are 7 colours in the rainbow, so you could also write down 7 things that you are grateful for.



Seven things I am grateful for:



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

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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