

19th April
2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

In these difficult unknown days, little is normal .The Bible reading of the Emmaus road journey is also set at a time of unknown events. There are many similarities and things we can learn as in our present situations. The reading from Luke chapter 24 tells the story of two disciples of Jesus walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus approximately 7 miles. Other disciples frightened were staying indoors often behind locked doors. As they are walking a stranger joins them and they tell him their troubles , how their leader was taken from them sentenced to death and crucified as a public spectacle . They fail to recognise him as they are so concerned with their own troubles. On reaching their destination they invite him to join them to eat. During their meal they recognise their risen Lord. What joy ,what leap of faith in their hearts, it was and is true Jesus is alive. Perhaps today we too fail to recognise our risen saviour .As he travels life's journey with us, He is there in the suffering, isolation , struggles, and our distress and despair . Let's not forget He is also there in the caring the empathy and the provision for others that humankind is showing one to another. He is saying don't give up don't despair I am here by my Holy Spirit. To quote from the hymn I serve a Risen Saviour , He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way ,you ask me how I know He lives He lives within my heart. Gods blessings strength and peace to you all this Eastertide

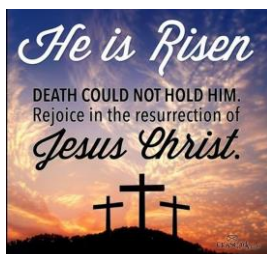
Malcolm and Pat

Today's Reading

John 20 vs 19- end

Today's Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace , to the praise of God the Father.



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	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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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



ARE YOU MISSING CHURCH?

The media are telling us that churches were empty on Easter Sunday. This is simply not true! The buildings were empty - yes. However the Church was full of the hope that Easter brings. Churches all around the world are full, because church is taking place in people's homes. Churches are taking to innovative ways to share faith with each other. Christians are sharing together in on-line services, via different communication methods. Our services at St Bede's are streamed via You Tube. We can share songs of hope, joy and love. We can pray together. We can listen to God's word together. The Church is adapting to find new ways of worshipping and sharing together. We may be socially and physically distant but we do not need to be spiritually distant. We can use the technology available to help us share our faith together. The Facebook page **St Bede Church, Morris Green, Bolton-Le-Moors** posts daily prayers. If you wish to join the Sunday services, search for the **St Bedes and St Andrews Church** You Tube Channel. Services are streamed at 9 am every Sunday morning.

The Church is not empty - it is the very opposite. The tomb was empty - which means that we can have life in all its fullness.

It is strange to be separated from our church family. But it won't always be this way. One day, normality will resume and perhaps we will be more grateful for the things that we sometimes take for granted. Take a moment right now to think about the things that we are grateful for; things that we have learned during this time of social isolation; prayers for those who are fearful, hurting or broken at the moment; the beauty of nature all around us. Maybe start a list of things to be grateful for and add one thing to it each day.

You might also wish to draw a picture of a traditional church and fill it with words of what church means to 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

PRAYER



Prayer is important in our relationship with God. When we pray we can use the following framework to help us:

P

PRAISE

How incredible is our God? In what ways can we praise our awesome God. What things can we praise him for? When we pray, we can praise God.

R

REMEMBER

Remember what God has done in your life and thank God for the things that he has done. When we pray, we can remember and thank God.

A

ASK

Jesus tells us to ask God for things and He will listen to our prayers. What do you want to ask God for? When we pray, we can ask God questions but we also need to listen for his answers.

Y

YES

When we bring things to God, he tells us to do things. God gives us things to do. He puts things on our hearts and minds. What might God be asking you to say 'Yes' to? When we pray, we must listen for God's instructions.

Why not write your own prayer using the PRAY framework.

My prayer:



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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