

261th April
2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Today's Gospel reading was written toward the end of the first century. By that time, most of the church was composed of Christians who had not witnessed Christ in the flesh. This story connects them (and us) with Christ, who is still revealed through the reading and interpretation of scripture (v. 27) and the Lord's Supper (vv. 30-31). Later disciples are not at a disadvantage because they have not seen Jesus. This story echoes the story of the angels' appearance to Abraham and Sarah at Mamre (Genesis 18:1-15). In both stories, the hosts fail to recognize the significance of their guests, but extend hospitality nevertheless. In both stories, hospitality leads to revelation—to blessing. This story involves highly liturgical language, including "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them" (v. 30); "The Lord has risen indeed" (v. 34); and "the breaking of the bread" (v. 35). The risen Christ is revealed through the telling of the story, the interpretation of scripture, and the breaking of bread.

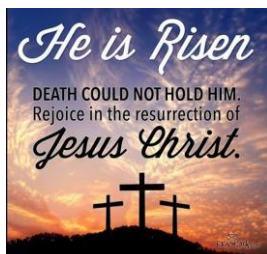
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Today's Reading

Luke 24 vs 13- 35

Today's Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory 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



News...

A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

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 along with the Daily Prayer from the Church of England.

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



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Are you missing chatting with your friends and meeting new people after the church service? Why not connect with our group having a chat over a brew by joining an informal Zoom gathering? These are at 11am on Sundays and the details are at the end of the YouTube recording and posted on our Facebook page.

Download the Zoom app at www.zoom.us and the meeting ID is 775-4658-5946 for St Bede at 11am and the ID for St Andrews is 752-3646-7487 at 11.30. All are welcome at either or both meetings.

CATS YOUTH THEATRE PERFORMS

MICHAEL COLEMAN SONG TO

THANK NHS

A YOUTH **theatre** has not let social distancing get in the way of recording a song to thank the NHS for all their hard work. Members at CATS Youth Theatre, including some of our own young people – Sophie & Abigail - sent in their recordings individually which were then edited together to create one song, alongside a video showing the children with their rainbow drawings. The song they perform is a cover of Michael Coleman's new version of Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs, which he recently rereleased to thank the NHS.

They also appeared in the Bolton Evening News on 20th April and on Granada Reports at Prime Time! Well done Sophie & Abigail and all at CATS!



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

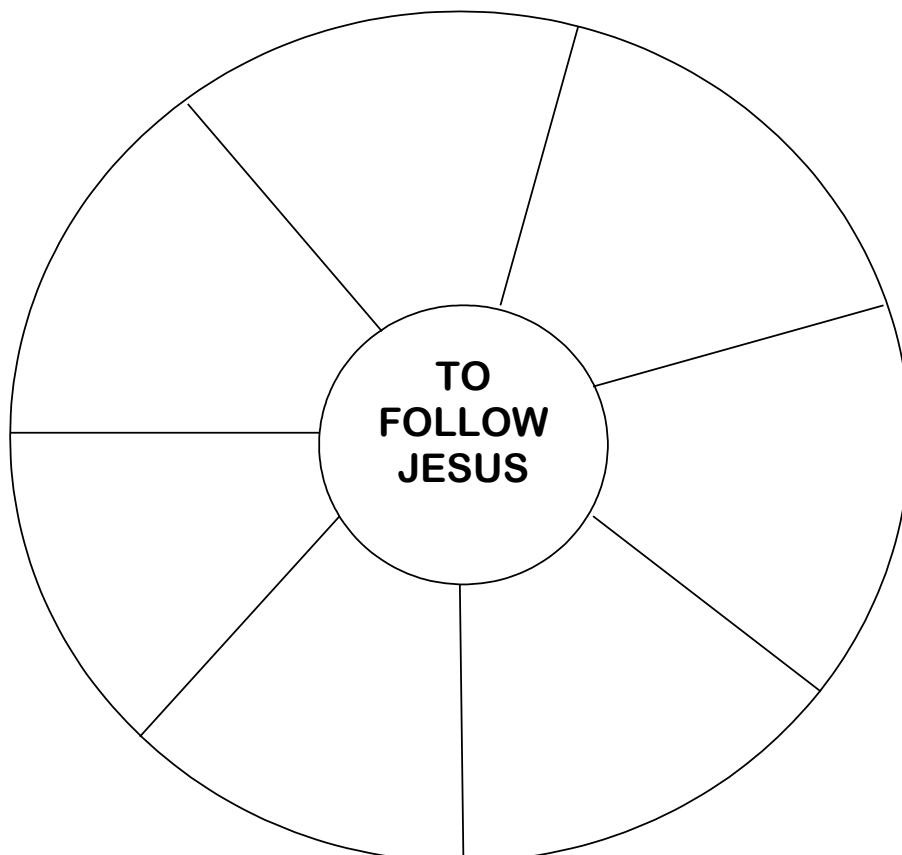
DISCIPLES

The word 'disciple' in the Bible refer to a person who accepts the words of the teacher and becomes his follower. In Luke's Gospel (chapter 24: verses 13-34), we read about how Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. They didn't recognise him. Jesus walked with them as they explained to him about the events of Easter. These men had been through a difficult time. They knew Jesus had been crucified so they did not realise who they were talking to on the road. It was only later in the day, when Jesus had to open their eyes to see it was Him. He was at the table with them, and he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them. It was then that they recognised Jesus. When we read the Gospels, we learn about the strengths but also the weaknesses of the disciples. It would seem that a disciple is required to devote everything to God; weaknesses as well as strengths.



We are all called to be disciples to follow and share in Christ's work. We all have strengths and weaknesses that Jesus can use as we follow him. As you read the Gospels, make a note of the very different characteristics of Jesus' disciples.

In the coming week, why not fill in a section of the wheel each day, indicating one way of learning about Jesus or following Jesus.



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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