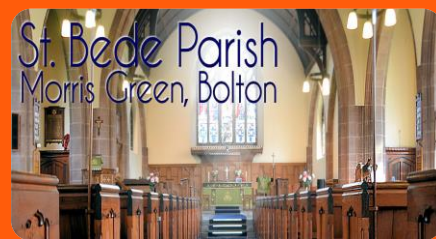




# St Bede

*Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors*



## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Sunday after Ascension Day

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

Where is God during COVID-19? The question is essentially the same that people ask when a hurricane wipes out hundreds of lives or when a single child dies from cancer. It is called the "problem of suffering" or "the mystery of evil". It's a question that Christians have been grappling with for millennia. The question of natural suffering, from illnesses or natural disasters, differs from that of moral evil, which would be like Hitler's actions. The truth is no one really knows the answer but God. People could argue that it's to teach the world a lesson, but others could argue that means He is not all-loving. One thing we do know for certain, though, is that God hasn't abandoned us. The Lord promised us in the Bible, multiple times, that He will never forsake us or leave us in our time of need. He is still walking by us, and the world, helping us get through this terrible time. Where is God? God is with us. Romans 8:38-39 declares that "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, God is guiding His people. No virus will ever be able to separate us from God's love and power. He will continue to fight for us, but we have to trust in His plan.

Tony

## Today's Reading

Acts 17vs 6-14

### Today's Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion that all who are estranged by sin may find peace may find forgiveness and know 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](mailto:vinny@st-bede.org.uk)).

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](http://www.zoom.us) and the meeting ID is 776-6862-3491 for St Bede at 11am



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### CHURCH ROCKS ZOOM MEETING

The children who joined the Zoom meeting last Sunday were creating Rainbows and talking about Noah's Ark. Below are their creations!!



The children are invited again this Sunday at 10.30. Details are further on in this newsletter – all invited!

### CHURCH....NOW

Caring for each other

Happily praying

You are all still part of a family

Resilient and adapting in worship

Hope and faith shine through

Gillian Whitehead

Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat.

We ask that you do continue to give by setting up a Standing Order from your bank. Please contact our Treasurer, David Almond for further details – [David.almond3@ntlworld.com](mailto:David.almond3@ntlworld.com)

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

## ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day marks an important moment. It is the end of the earthbound ministry of Jesus; it was the day when Jesus was ready to return to heaven. Jesus spoke to his disciples and explained to them why it was important for Him to be crucified and then raised from the dead, in order to fulfill the Scriptures. He needed to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to Him. He told them that he was going to return to His Father in heaven and that he was preparing the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. At first the disciples were incredibly sad that Jesus was leaving them, but the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so that they would understand. Jesus lifted his hand and blessed them. He was lifted up and taken up to heaven (ascended to heaven). The Bible tells us that when Jesus had gone up to heaven, the disciples worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, praising God.



### ASCENSION DAY - WORDSEARCH

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Dear God. Thank You for sending Jesus, your only Son, to die for our sin. We know that He has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven. Bless us today as we worship Him with great joy! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

Hi Church Rocks kids.

We hope you are all safe and well and have been busy at home. Church Rocks - St Bede's Children's group are doing a zoom meet up again on **Sunday 24th May at 10.30am**. Children and young people, with their parents, can join the zoom meet up.

Zoom is an app that enables people to meet up virtually. If you haven't already downloaded the zoom app then you will need to do that beforehand.

If you would like to join us on Sunday for a fun activity then you need to open the zoom app on a device with a camera (such as a phone, tablet, iPad, laptop etc.) and type in the **meeting ID** which is **725-4976-3284** and then a passcode which is **135135**. I am hosting the meeting and it may tell you that you are in a waiting area once you have typed in the ID and passcode. I will then admit you to the meet up. All children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian (who will all have fun helping with the fun activity we have planned). The session will last about 20 – 30 minutes

Hope to see you all on Sunday at 10.30am.

Thanks and keep safe

Rachael



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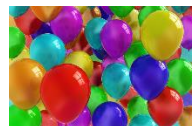
*As you have received, so may you be pleased to give.*

*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.*

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## 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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