

3rd May 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

For people who are naturally sociable and enjoy the company of others, is very hard, even more so for people who live alone. We are very fortunate to have family who are more than happy to do our shopping but many are not in that position. However, it is heartwarming to see volunteers doing their best to help those who are unable to get out to get essentials. St Bede's Academy are doing their bit by making hot meals that are taken out by volunteers to folk who are isolating and that meal and the warm smile that accompanies it is very welcome I'm sure. Despite the very real worry about the virus and its affect on peoples' health and their income in many cases and also the uncertainty about the future, we are seeing renewal in community spirit (despite the bogroll, pasta and baked bean stampede) and in cleaner air and skies from the reduction in pollution. Workers are being valued for the contribution they are making to the community, and a great many of those are on low pay. Hopefully society is learning about true values in people like caring, compassion and selflessness and not so called 'celebrity status' and wealth and power governing who is valuable and who is not. Yes, these are scary times, but also an opportunity for us to reflect on what we think is important in our lives. For myself, I have come to value the love and support of family and friends and to 'make do and mend' and find innovative ways to spend my time.

Today's Reading

Acts 2 vs 42- 47

Today's Collect

Risen faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Suddenly, the simple things in life like sitting in the garden listening to the bird songs, which were drowned out by traffic noise before, and just reading or drinking coffee outside have become treats to savor. I have taken up old hobbies like painting again which I used to think I had no time for. Our 'Church Without Walls' Sunday services are being shared by many more people and linking in to our church family by Zoom at 11.00am is a great chance to keep in touch with our Church family. With God's love and protection, we will come through this, and greet one another again as though we had never been apart. God Bless and stay safe

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	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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raise money
charity - noun
provide help
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St Bede Charity
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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.

FEAR

What do you fear? Some of the most common fears that people have include, flying, the dark, spiders, heights, public speaking, failure, rejection, commitment, monsters ... and the list goes on. For many of us the Covid-19 crisis is a time of fear and distress.

Fear can be crippling. It almost seizes hold of us and orders us to feel a certain way about a certain thing or situation. It suffocates, drains and strangles. It hinders, restricts and binds. It humiliates, emasculates and lies to us. We will all have our own fears.

The simplest commandment in the Bible and the one that is spoken the most is this, 'Do not be afraid.' Easily said but perhaps not easily done. Time and time again, those words are spoken by God or by people God was using. We can take great heart in that promise. It's not a promise that says we won't face difficult, stressful or worrying times. It's a promise of reassurance and hope...that though we all have our own fears, we need not be afraid.

Why is that? Well because, He is always with us, wrapping us in his everlasting arms of hope and loving us with a love that itself was fearless. He thought enough of us to do what no other could. So when fear descends upon us like an unwelcome visitor, we can remember that we need not be afraid for we are not alone. He is with us both now and always.

Prayer:

Lord, it's so easy sometimes to give into fear and let it overtake our emotions and our actions. Remind us always that you are with us every single day. Remind us that we need not fear because in the end, love wins. A love that overcomes fear and brings life to the full. Thank you for that promise.

Amen

'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' Isaiah 41:10

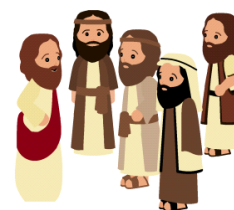
Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat. We work very hard to put on different events, but we need these events to be supported if they are to be successful in raising funds and providing opportunities to share fellowship as a Church.

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

BIBLE QUIZ

How well do you know your Bible? Test your knowledge with this Bible quiz.

1. What are the names of the first man and woman created by God?
2. What was the name of the man who owned an ark and took the animals in two by two?
3. God spoke to Moses from a burning what?
4. What type of creature swallowed Jonah?
5. What was the name of Abraham's wife?
6. How many commandments are there in the Bible?
7. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary to tell her that she would have a baby and he was to be called Jesus?
8. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
9. What did Jesus' father do for a job?
10. How many loaves of bread did Jesus have to feed the five thousand?
11. How many fish did Jesus have to feed the five thousand?
12. What is the first day of Lent known as?
13. How many days does Lent last for?
14. Can you name the twelve disciples of Jesus?
15. Which disciple betrayed Jesus?
16. Who baptized Jesus?
17. What gift did Jesus send to the apostles on the feast of Pentecost?
18. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal the name of the place where Jesus was crucified: YVRALAC?
19. What two things symbolise the body and blood of Christ during Holy Communion?
20. Name the place where Jesus was arrested.



Answers to the Bible Quiz will be published in next week's edition of the newsletter.

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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