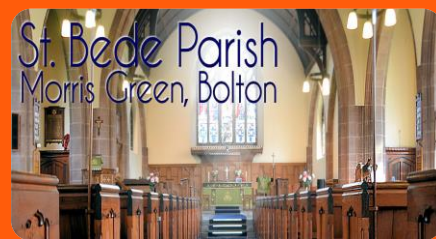




St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



29th
November
2020

1st Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Advent 1: Getting Ready for Jesus' Return

Readings: Matthew 24 v 36-44
(Romans 13 v 11-end)

Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves for Jesus' return (his 2nd coming). Are we ready for when Jesus will come again?

Vinny

MALCOLM UPDATE

Malcolm is recovering well and was discharged from hospital today.

Please keep him in your prayers ☩

Malcolm and Pat thank everyone for their concern, love and prayers

Online

Today's Service

This week is via our church YouTube channel (St Bedes and St Andrews Church)

Reading is **Matthew 28 v 16-20**

Today's Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ .

Please pray...

Jean	Sean
Michael	Marlene
Doreen	Jennifer
Minti	Colin
Ronnie	Catherine
Carys	Natalie
John	Sylvia
John	Mike
David	Paul
Bernard	Jon
Lynn	Matt
Will	Megan
Barbara	Mary
Wendy	Ann
Lynn	Stephen
Norman	Steph
Gill	Yvonne
Malcolm & Pat	Rob
Michelle	Susan
	Rachel



Please remember not everyone on this list is sick, they may just need your prayers!



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News...

GOOD NEWS! OUR CHURCH BUILDING IS REOPENING!

Following the end of the national lockdown on the 2nd December, we are pleased to announce that despite us being in Tier 3, we can resume church services in St Bede's Church again.

Our first service will be our all-age service on **Sunday 6th December** at 10am. We are really looking forward to seeing you back in church next week.

There will still be an online service every Sunday from 9am via our YouTube channel (St Bedes and St Andrews Church) for those unable to come to church.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES STUDY

Paul Braddock, of St Andrews Church, is undertaking a personal project to understand Christian resources available for new and current Christians. Paul has created a short survey for those who may be interested to participate. There are no wrong answers, he wants your honest and thoughtful feedback. Please note, your response will be anonymous and won't be publicly shared.

Survey link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4KLL0o>
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COMFORT AND JOY is the Church of England's Christmas campaign for 2020.

Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it may be the Church's role, both nationally and locally, to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation. We also have to anticipate there may be further spikes.

This Christmas the Church will need, in the words of St Paul in Romans 12.15, to 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep'. We will aim to celebrate where we can together in one place – but also embrace a wider community that wants to join in the celebration but may not be physically able – or emotionally ready – to do so. We hope that Comfort and Joy will enable us to build a campaign that both enables us to reconnect with the rich and joyous traditions of the past and to offer God's consoling love in the present.

Countdown to Christmas

There's something very special about the Advent Sundays leading up to when Jesus was born. Join in with these activities as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas – and as we remember the Comfort and Joy that Jesus brings to us all.



Date	What brings joy today?	Who needs comfort today?
29th Nov, the First Sunday of Advent	Counting down with excitement Look at your Advent Calendar – just 2 days until you can open the first door! Give a jump for joy or fist bump your family at the excitement of looking forward.	Those who are anxious about Christmas Look at the floor. Some people are anxious about Christmas. Ask God to be close to them in the coming days.

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

More News...

CHRISTMAS GIFT DAY 2020

As we are unable to hold our Christmas Fayre this year, we are planning on holding a *Christmas Gift Day* on **Sunday 6th December** 2020. This will be an opportunity for you to donate what you would normally spend at the Christmas Fayre. Please support this.

St Bede Fundraising Team

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS

This year we at St Bedes (together with our friends from St Andrews) have committed to buy 1000 boxes of 6 mince pies towards Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign

Last week we collected **268** boxes of mince pies however we have received lots more donations this week so thank you for your support. Check out our online service this weekend to find out the updated figure.

We only have 1 week until our deadline of Sunday 6th December to reach our target! So please buy some mince pies this week and bring them along to our church service next Sunday!

Thank you for your support.

Finally, we can also nominate people to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus. If you know of anyone who is in need or just needs blessing after a really tough year, then please let Vinny know this week.

If you are unable to go to the shops but wish instead to make a cash donation towards mince pies, then you can make a donation by bank transfer to St Bedes Church using our bank details:

Bank Name: Lloyds TSB

Account Name: St Bede's Parochial Church Council

Sort Code: 30-96-85

Account Number: 02869759

Please inform David Almond, our treasurer, if you have done this. (david.almond3@ntlworld.com)



Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

ADVENT SUNDAY

Do you have an Advent calendar? If so, do you know why? An Advent calendar is about much more than just the chocolate treat inside every window. Advent means the arrival of an event or a person. An Advent calendar helps us to count down the days until Christmas and the celebration of the Jesus' birth. Whilst we are waiting for Christmas, we should remember that we are also waiting for something else. We are waiting for Jesus to come again. When will that be? We don't know and we don't have a calendar that tells us when he will return, but we know that he promised us that he would. Jesus said that even the angels in heaven do not know the day or the hour that he will return. So, what should we do? The bible tells us to 'Be on guard. Be alert. You do not know when that time will come'. Whilst we wait, we should worship and praise Him; serve Him, love Him and love one another as he commanded us to do. When we do those things, we will be ready for the time when He returns.



Colour the picture, then each day in December colour one star beginning with number one on 1st December. Finally, colour the large star that is right above the Holy Family. That's when we will know it's Christmas Day, the day we've all been waiting for.





Hi everyone

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,300 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

#GiveALittleLove this Christmas and raise **THREE TIMES** as much when you shop with John Lewis & Partners.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This week we will be launching our Christmas Raffle on Facebook as well as in this newsletter from next week. We have 3 prizes up for grabs: A Cosmetic Hamper, A Chocolate Bouquet and £50 of WHSmith Vouchers. We will be taking cash or cards in Church next Sunday. As we will be drawing this raffle 'virtually', all we need is your name and how many *go's* you want. This cost will be £1.00 per name, £3.00 for 4 *go's* and £5.00 for 7 *go's*. For example, Joe Jones wants 4 *go's*;

J Jones 1, J Jones 2, J Jones 3, J Jones 4 = £3.00 – you have 4 chances of winning

So, bring your cash or cards next week and see any of the fundraising team!



No Nativity this year because the 3 Wise Men face a travel ban.
The shepherds have been furloughed.
The Inn keeper has shut under tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings.
Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen.
As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test. 😂😂



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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