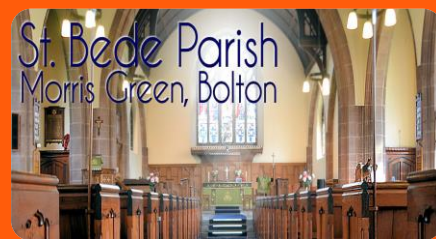




*Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors*



**13<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2020**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

### Advent 3:

#### John the Baptist:

**Reading: John 1 v 6-8, 19-28**  
(Isaiah 61 v 1-4, 8-11)

In this reading we reflect on how John's ministry was to point people to Jesus – the coming light. How might we in these dark days point the people around us to the light of Jesus this Christmas?

Vinny

#### MALCOLM UPDATE

Malcolm is continuing to recover well and is now at home.

Please continue keep him in your prayers ☩

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

## Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**  
Reading is **John 1 vs 6-8, 19-28**

Next week is **Christingle Service**  
Reading is **Luke 1 vs 26-38**

#### Today's Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare  
the way of your Son: give us  
courage to speak the truth, to hunger  
for justice, and to suffer for the  
cause of right, with Jesus Christ our  
Lord



#### Please pray...

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



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



## News...

### 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/4KLL0oL>



### St Bede Charity Partners 2020;



### **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.
13th Dec, the Third Sunday of Advent	Access to water. Count the number of taps in your home. Pour yourself a glass of water and give thanks for access to clean water for washing, cooking, drinking, and cleaning.	Children of the world. Pour a glass of water. Add a teaspoon of mud to it, stir and place it in your kitchen. In some parts of the world children only have access to water like this. Each time you see your glass today, pray for agencies like Water Aid, trying to bring clean water to children across the world.

### BOLTON CANCER VOICES CHOIR

This year, St Bede's has 2 charity partners; Create Bolton as we shared earlier this year, and Bolton Cancer Voices Choir. Each of our charity partners has received a £500 donation from St Bede's Church from our fundraising and giving throughout the year. Today, at 10am during our service we will have a special focus on Bolton Cancer Voices Choir and hear directly from Karen Elliott who leads Bolton Cancer Voices Choir.

### MESSAGE FROM MRS ROSTRON – CO-HEAD & COO ST BEDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Hi,

let me introduce myself, my name is Mrs Rostron and I am the Head of School at St Bede Academy.



I am also new to the role of C.O.O (Chief Operations Officer) over the Multi Academy Trust. This means that most of my time is spent at St Bede Academy and two days a week I support the Head of School at Tonge Moor Academy. On the days when I am at Tonge Moor, Mrs Black (Co- Head of St Bede) fills my role. However, we tend to work as a team throughout the week. Both Mrs Black and myself are so proud to be leaders at St Bede, we consider the school community as our second family and we are both fully invested and dedicated to ensuring that our pupils get the best opportunities in life. Our school vision is 'Learning, Caring and Growing Together' and we work hard to live out our vision in everything we do at St Bede.

**Mrs Rostron**

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)

# More News...

## CHRISTMAS GIFT DAY 2020

As we were unable to hold our Christmas Fayre this year, we had a *Christmas Gift Day* last Sunday. We raised £200 – all gift aided!! Many thanks to all who supported.

## St Bede Fundraising Team

Dear Friends at St Bede Parish

### Re. Christmas Giving

Last week we held a non-uniform day for the children in exchange for gifts or donations, which we will make up into Christmas boxes for families in the local community.

If you know of any families who you feel would welcome a Christmas box, please can you let us know by sending the details to [parents@stbedeacademy.org](mailto:parents@stbedeacademy.org). Please also let us know the ages and first names of the children, so we can tailor gifts to suit. We will make sure their Christmas box is delivered in time for Christmas.

Any gifts/donations which we have left over will be donated to local charities.

Kind regards

St Bede CE Primary Academy



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



The day takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the Introit prayer taken from Philippians 4: *Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.*



## Celebrate Christmas at St Bede's Church, Morris Green

Sunday 20th December

10am Christingle Service

Suitable for families and all-ages, join us as we make Christingles, listen to carols and reflect on the light of Christ who came at Christmas.

Thursday 24th December

6.30pm Christmas Eve Family Service

A short service for all the family as we hear the Christmas Story again. We will also be joined by a very special visitor at the end of the service!

Friday 25th December

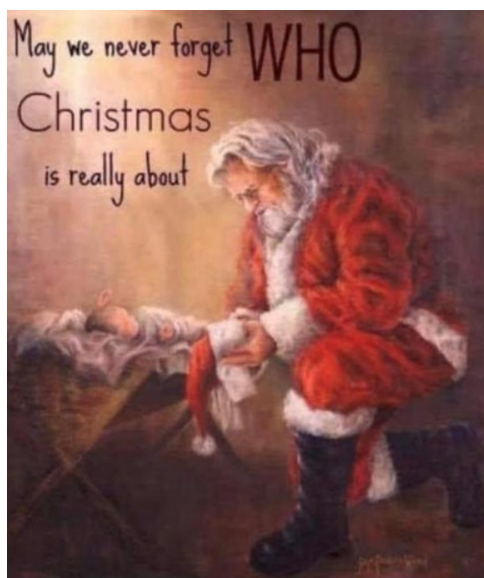
10am Christmas Family Service

Join us on Christmas morning as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in our all-age service.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Bedes.  
Please do bring a face covering.



[www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk)



### *A Christmas Letter from Jesus*

When you look for me at Christmas,  
You won't need a special star.  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem.  
I'm right here where you are.  
You may not be aware of me  
amid the celebrations.  
You'll have to look beyond the stores,  
and all the decorations.  
But if you take a moment  
from your list of things to do,  
To close your eyes and say a prayer,  
I'm waiting here for you.  
You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came!  
And you'll find me in the stillness  
Where I'm whispering your name.

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

## Jesus - the one true light

'There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.' *John 1:6-8*



The bible reading for today tells us that God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light, Jesus, so that everyone would believe. John was not the light. He only came to tell others about the light. Jesus is the one true light, who gives light to everyone.

At this time of year, we see lights everywhere that reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the true light that John told about. Those lights can help us remember that Jesus is the one true light in our hearts and in our lives and reminds us that Jesus brought light into the darkness of this world.

**DEFINITION QUIZ** - Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
(The answers can be found in John 1 : 6-8, 19-28)

1. An adult male human  
A. boy B. man C. woman D. girl
2. To be convinced that something is true  
A. testify B. answer C. light D. believe
3. To immerse in water  
A. confess B. baptize C. testify D. answer
4. The man sent from God to prepare the way for Jesus  
A. Elijah B. Peter C. Thomas D. John
5. The creator of the heavens, earth and its people  
A. Levites B. John C. God D. Elijah
6. To admit that something is true  
A. confess B. light C. answer D. reply
7. A source of illumination, such as a lamp, or a lantern  
A. witness B. testify C. baptize D. light
8. To give evidence based on personal knowledge  
A. confess B. answer C. testify D. believe
9. To reply to a question  
A. witness B. answer C. confess D. baptize
10. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets  
A. John B. Elijah C. prophet D. Christ



Hi everyone

So far [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) has given away £2,250 to causes in the Advent Calendar Giveaway\* - make sure St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors doesn't miss out on their chance to WIN.

It's completely FREE and easy to enter, just click today's advent calendar window on the website and you could win a **£250 donation** for our cause from The North Face and a special gift from us, a **£50 gift card**.

Plus, on Christmas Day you could win a **£2,000 donation** for and **£2,000** to spend at John Lewis & Partners..

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Get your purses and wallets out, the Christmas Raffle is OPEN! 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 on 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

The draw will take place 'virtually' Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020. See any of the fundraising team for more information!





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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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