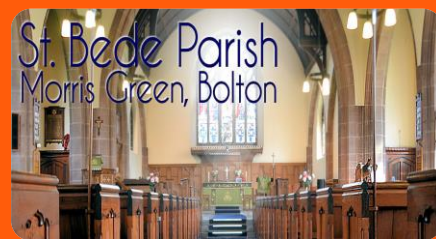




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



20th
December
2020

4th Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

What is Christingle?

A Christingle, meaning "Christ child" is an object used in Christianity during Advent. Typically, they are oranges, decorated with pieces of dried fruit or sweets and with a candle attached. You may be thinking: What does an orange have to do with Christianity?

The Christingle is a symbolic object in the Christian faith, with each part having a different meaning. The orange symbolises the world, while the candle is used to represent Jesus who is the light of the world. The sweets symbolise all of God's creations - although some people say the sweets symbolise the four seasons. A red ribbon is tied around the orange to represent God's love for the world.

The origins of Christingle

Bishop Johannes de Watteville first began the tradition of Christingle in 18th century Germany. He wanted to get the message of Advent across to children and remind them that Jesus brought light into the world, so he gave each child in his congregation a candle attached to an orange. In 1968, John Pensom introduced Christingle to Church of England services, upgrading the Christingle to include dried fruits or sweets and raising money for the Children's Society during Christingle services.

Today's Service

This week is **Christingle Service**
Various Readings

Next week is **Christmas Day Family Service** Reading is **Luke 2 vs 8-20**

Today's Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for His coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in 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>



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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?
20th Dec, the Fourth Sunday of Advent	Health and people who care Draw a rainbow. Around it write the names of your local doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. Colour a heart by each one to show you are thankful for them.	People who are feeling sad Find a sticking plaster. Draw a sad face on it. Stick the plaster onto your bathroom mirror to remind you to pray for people who are sick or sad.
Carol Service	The gift of music What's your favourite Christmas Carol? Record your family singing it and send it to your wider family and friends.	Those who can't get to church Some people will be sad that they can't go to a carol service. Make a poster of your favourite carol to put in the window to cheer everyone up.
Christmas Eve	Everything that makes Christmas exciting Gather round your Christmas tree and look at the decorations. Tell each other which is your favourite and why.	Those who are home alone Do you know someone who will be home alone this Christmas? Surprise them with a phone or video call.



Your Newsletter is taking a Christmas Break but will be back for **Sunday 3rd January 2021**. Remember, you can sign up to receive the newsletter direct to your email inbox by filling in the form on our website – www.st-bede.org.uk

My Christmas Wish To YOU

By Catherine Pulsifer

If I could wish a wish for you,
it would be for [peace](#), faith, and
happiness
not only at Christmas,
but for the whole year through!

I wish that there always be food on
your table.

That you always give to those less
fortunate.

May you always take time to share,
and thank those who
have [blessed](#) you.

I wish for time, so you may reflect
on the blessings that you have,
and that you express your [love](#)
to those who are dear to you.

May you never feel lonely,
because there are those who care.
That you realize: you are special,
you are unique, you make a
difference,
not only at Christmas, but all year!

I wish for your thoughts to be
positive ones,
that you never quit, that you never
give up,
and that you continue to learn.

I wish for the love, and peace
of [God](#),
to be yours always.

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

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

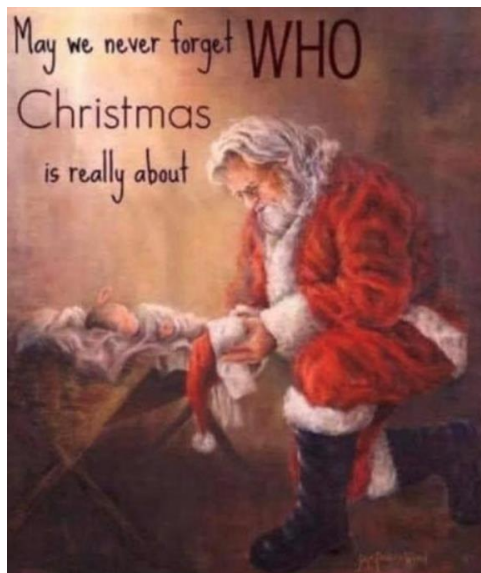
10am Christmas Family Service

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.



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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

CHRISTINGLE



Christingle means Christ's Light and is a symbol of the Christian faith.

What does each of the key features of the Christingle mean?



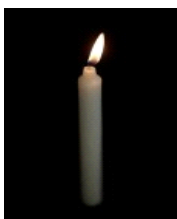
The orange represents



The ribbon represents



The sweets represent



The candle reminds us





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, today is the last day to get your entries in for the Christmas Raffle! 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' **this afternoon - Sunday 20th December 2020**. See any of the fundraising team for more information!



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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