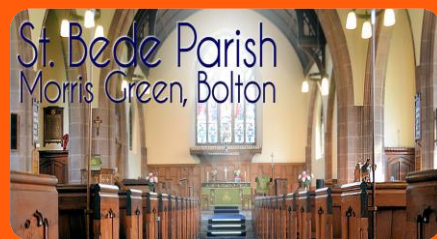




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



6th
December
2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Advent 2: Isaiah

Reading: Mark 1 v 1-8 (Isaiah 40 v 1-11)

In this traditional advent reading, John the Baptist quotes Isaiah and tells people to prepare the way of the Lord. How can we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus in these weeks before 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 **Morning Service**

Reading is **Mark 1 vs 1-8**

Next week is **Family Communion**

Reading is **John 1 vs 6-8, 19-28**

Today's Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God

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
Steven	Rachel



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



News...

GOOD NEWS! OUR CHURCH BUILDING IS OPEN!

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.

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/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.



6th Dec,
the Second
Sunday of
Advent

Being able to give presents to others
Christians sometimes call Jesus 'God's gift to us' – that's why we give gifts to each other at Christmas. Make a list of the people your family will give gifts to this Christmas. Thank God for each person.

Those worried about money
Christmas can be expensive. Some people are worried that they do not have enough money for gifts or food. Could your family help by giving a gift to your local foodbank?

ST BEDES GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUP

Wednesday 9th December, 7.30pm on Zoom

Our 'Going Deeper' group meets again this week. Do join us as we share fellowship, study God's word and pray together. We are discussing our previous 'Holy Habits' series.

If you want to join us then please use the Zoom login details below:

Topic: St Bedes Going Deeper Small Group

Time: Wednesday 9th December, 19.30.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86333636927?pwd=SnM5ModnK2VOVWdXK0FhWEIIRjllUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 3363 6927

Passcode: 123456

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. On Sunday 13th December 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.

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

We have done it! This week mince pies have continued to come into church and between St Bede's and St Andrew's we have collected over 1000 mince pies (we'll give you a final count next week). Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed.

Don't forget this is the last day we can nominate people to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus. If you know anyone who is in need or had a really rough year and would like a hamper please speak to Vinny.



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. 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



SOME SAD NEWS

We received a message this week from the daughter of Marlene Johnson. It is with sadness that Marlene died in hospital this last week. Marlene was a Reader at St Bede and organised many children's activities.



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

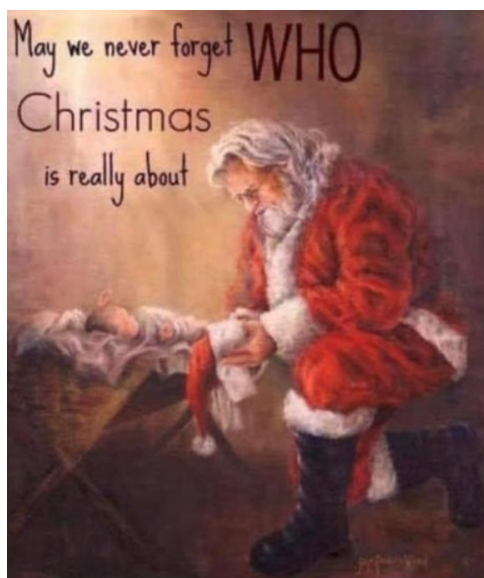
10am Christmas Family Service

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

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Think for a moment about how your family gets the news. Do they read it in the newspaper? Do they get the news from the internet? Do they hear it on the radio? Do they watch it on the television? No matter how we get the news, it is important to know what is going on in the world today. Two thousand years ago, it wasn't so easy to get the news. Long before Jesus was born, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to tell how He would spread the news of the coming of the Messiah. He said "I will send my messenger to prepare the way. He will be a voice of one crying in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Clear the road for him.'" (Mark 1:2-3) John the Baptist was the messenger that God chose to bring this good news to His people and he was faithful in bringing the news to the people. *It's been over 2,000 years since God sent His Son, but God still needs messengers to spread the good news. During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate our Saviour's birth, will you be like John and share the good news of Jesus with other people?*



WORD SEARCH (based on Mark Chapter 1: verses 1-8)

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BAPTIZE
CALLING
CHRIST
CONFESS
DESERT
GOSPEL
HONEY
JESUS
JOHN
JORDAN
LOCUSTS
MESSENGER
PATH
PREACHING
PROPHET
REPENTANCE
RIVER
SANDALS
STRAIGHT
VOICE



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

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 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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