

10th January
2021

Baptism of Christ

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Immanuel 1: The Identity of Jesus

Reading: Mark 1 v 4-11

As we mark the baptism of Jesus, Jesus' baptism gives us an insight into who Jesus really is. Jesus is Immanuel, God with Us. When we come to Jesus, we encounter God in our lives. How does this change how we ourselves see Jesus in our daily lives

Vinny

Today's Service

This week is **Morning Service**

Reading is **Mark 1 vs 4-11**

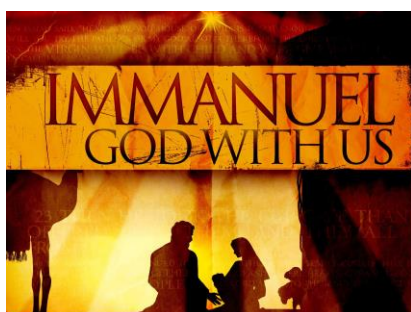
Next week is **Family Holy Communion** Reading is **John 1 v 43-51**

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray...

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| 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 | Dawn |



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



News...

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: ST BEDES REMAINS OPEN

This week the Church Wardens and I agreed that in line with current Government guidelines which permit places of worship to be open and permit people to leave their homes to attend worship, that the building at St Bedes will continue to open for worship following our current service pattern i.e. 10am on Sundays. We are delighted therefore that we are able to continue to worship together in these difficult days.

I would like to stress that although the building at St Bedes will continue to open for worship, no-one should feel obliged or under pressure to physically attend church and we would strongly recommend that anyone who is instructed to shield again should do so. We will also maintain our online service via our YouTube channel (St Bedes and St Andrews Church) from this Sunday for those who wish to worship with us from home.

However I believe as a church community, whether we gather in church or gather online from our homes, that we have an important role to pray for our community and our nation at this time and be a place where all people can come to seek comfort and hope which comes from Christ alone.

Vinny



NEXT PCC MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th January 2021** starting at 7.30pm.

Zoom details will be sent nearer the time.

If you have any suggested *Charities* that you would like to be the **St Bede Charity Partner** for 2021, please pass this, and a reason why you want this charity to be considered, to a PCC member before 19th.



MISSION COMMUNITIES

Bishop Mark Ashcroft and Bishop Mark Davies warmly invite people in our diocese – church officers, members of our congregations and our lay and ordained leaders - to events in January in each of our archdeaconries to discuss the proposals for creating Mission Communities across the diocese, which were set out in the Briefing Document published in October. The event details for the Bolton archdeaconry are shown below:

Bolton

Wednesday 27 January 2021, 19.00-20.30 via

Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98159603765?pwd=WUZkZHpuRzdQdEpBUU5MVohkcG9kZz09>

Meeting ID: 981 5960 3765

Passcode: 727003



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**St Bede Charity
Partners 2021;**



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 or visit our website – www.st-bede.org.uk

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

A New Life in Jesus

'As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" *Mark 1:10-11 (NIV)*

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions this year? Maybe your resolution was to keep your room clean and tidy, or to help your parents at home, or to work hard at school. Whether you make any resolutions or not, the new year gives you the chance to forget your past mistakes and look forward to doing better in the year ahead. We can all benefit from a fresh start the new year offers us.

In our Bible lesson today, we read about a man called John the Baptist. John went all around the countryside in Judea telling people to turn from their sin and to ask God for forgiveness. After they repented of their sin and received God's forgiveness, John baptized them in the river Jordan. They were baptized to show others that God had forgiven their sins and washed them clean. God's forgiveness had given them a fresh start in life. Jesus himself was baptized by John, and he commanded us to go into the world and make disciples, teaching them all that he taught us, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because Jesus commanded it, the church still baptizes people today. When we see someone baptized, it shows the world that their sins have been forgiven and they have been given a fresh start in life through Christ Jesus.



God's forgiveness gives us a fresh start. Let us make the most of it as we live a new life in Christ.

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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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