

**17<sup>th</sup> January  
2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

# Editorial

## Immanuel 2: Seeking Jesus

Reading: John 1 v 43-51

In this reading Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to come and follow Him. Philip immediately seeks Jesus, but Nathaniel is more reserved and so Philip encourages Nathaniel to seek Jesus. "Come and See" he says in verse 46. As a result Nathaniel discovers who Jesus really is. Thinking about our own lives, are we seeking Jesus today?

Vinny



# Today's Service

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

Next week is **Together for God** Reading is **John 2 v 1-11**

## Today's Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and end: bring us with the whole of creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in 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

Last weekend a number of you were confused by media reports that suggested churches were having to close. Currently St Bedes is still permitted to be open for worship and our service will run as normal this weekend. If at any time the situation changes then we will immediately notify you via e-mail and our social media channels if we have to close. So if you don't hear from us - assume that there is no change to the situation.

### ST BEDES SUNDAY CHAT ZOOM MEETING

As we are not permitted to mingle after the service in church, this week we are resuming our Sunday Chat Zoom Meeting at a new time of 11.30am. This enables people to get home from church in time for the meeting and it also means we can meet and share fellowship with those unable to come to church at the moment.

The Zoom meeting details are as follows:

Meeting ID: 723 9323 8608

Passcode: 654321

These details will be the same for each week when we meet for Sunday Chat.

### Vinny



### NEXT PCC MEETING

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

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 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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:

**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

### ST BEDES GOING DEEPER GROUP

**Wednesday 20th January, 7.30pm.** Our Going Deeper Group meets again this week as we meet together on Zoom for fellowship, prayer and studying God's word together. We only meet for an hour and anyone is welcome to join us. If you want to join us here is the Zoom codes:

Time: Wednesday 6th January, 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 863 3363 6927

Passcode: 123456



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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](mailto:David.almond3@ntlworld.com) or visit our website – [www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk)

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

## SEEKING JESUS



'Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.' *John 1:45-46 (NIV)*

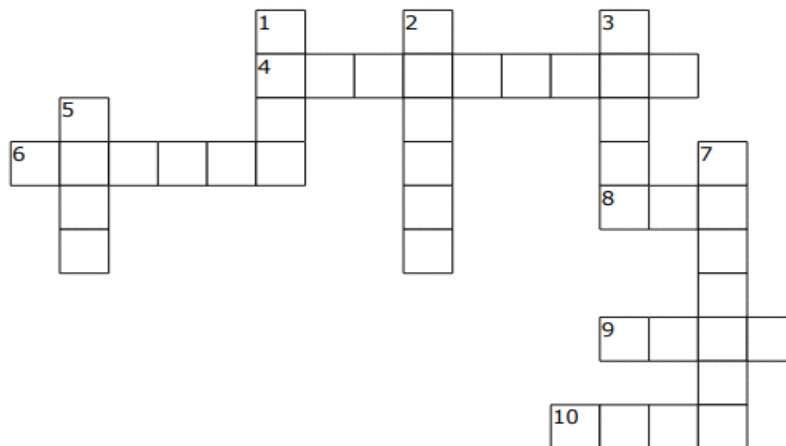
When something good happens to you, it is the most natural thing in the world to want to tell others about it. It may be something like having an amazing on-line lesson this week with school, or perhaps getting an award for outstanding work, or scoring a winning goal in football. When something good happens to us, we can't wait to tell someone about it. When you get a chance to tell someone about something good that happened to you, it's almost like experiencing the good thing all over again.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus went to Galilee where he met a man named Philip. When Jesus met Phillip, he said to him, "Follow me." How amazing would that be? Not only did Phillip meet Jesus, but Jesus asked him to follow him and become one of his disciples. The very first thing that came to Philip's mind was to tell someone what had happened to him. He immediately went and found his friend Nathanael. He told Nathanael that he had met Jesus (the one the prophets had written about). "Come and see for yourself," Philip told Nathanael. Something good had happened to Philip and he shared this with his friend. As a result of this, Nathanael met Jesus too and discovered for himself who Jesus really is.



**As you think about your own life, are you seeking Jesus? Has Jesus brought happiness into your life? Share it with your friends so that they can know Jesus too.**

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE - based on reading from John 1: 43-51



#### ACROSS

4. A friend of Philip
6. To come after
8. To observe something with your eyes
9. A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
10. To move toward something

#### DOWN

1. To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
2. A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
3. The Son of God
5. The opposite of bad
7. To accept something as true

# GENERAL LAY COURSES



Our hearts desire is that the whole people of God may be engaged in the whole mission of God across the whole of life. That means that everyone has a part to play; being part of church, chaplaincy or other ministry has never really been a kind of spectator activity where people in the pews watch what is done by the people at the front; but now more than ever, it is about everyone using our God given gifts both in the life of the church and in the places God has set us – home, work, and communities – which is what we mean by #MoreThanSunday

## WHAT IS THE NEW GENERAL LAY TRAINING PATHWAY?

The new general lay training pathway opens up and offers wider access to our current lay training courses and comes out of our vision to see all lay people empowered, enable and equipped; not just those seeking authorisation or licensing through our existing programmes such as Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) and Reader Ministry.

ALM and Reader Ministry will still remain as a distinct training pathways but they will no longer be the only way to access lay training courses. All nine of the Ministry Training Electives offered on the ALM course are now also open as stand-alone courses to any lay people wanting to develop their calling and gifting to Christian ministry and service.

The new pathway involves a much simplified application process but will still require a recommendation from an appropriate parish representative. After training, we encourage some form of locally recognised celebration or commissioning, with the ongoing support and care of the participant remaining under the oversight of the local parish.

## WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INVOLVE?

All the courses are 12 weeks long and will run between April to July. There are currently nine courses available:

Children & Families  
 Community Outreach & Social Action  
 Ecology & Creation  
 Mission & Evangelism  
 Parish Admin, Finance & Governance

Pastoral Outreach & Listening  
 Prayer & Spirituality  
 Worship & Liturgy  
 Youth Work (plus specialism)

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Course applications are now open until Sunday 7 March 2021.

To apply see the Diocese Website or for more details please contact [Jamie Mackenzie](#), Local Ministry Officer (Vocations Team) or speak to one of our own Ministry Team

*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 our 'virtual' 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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