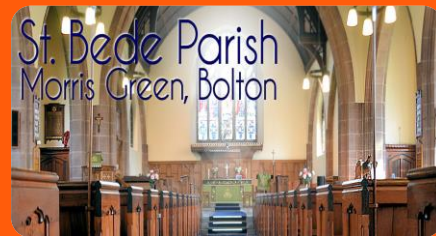




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



3rd January
2021

Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Epiphany

Reading: **Matthew 2 v 1-12**
(Ephesians 3 v 1-12)

As we conclude the Christmas season, we reflect again on the Wise Men as they travelled to worship Jesus the new born King. How might we worship Jesus anew this year?

Today's Service

This week is **Family Communion**

Reading is **Matthew 2 vs 1-12**

Next week is **Morning Service**

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

Today's Collect

Crator God, who lead the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end 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	



1st January

Looking ahead to 2021

Draw around your hand.
Inside it draw hearts as you think about things you are looking forward to in 2021. Say a prayer for everyone who is worried about the future and ask God to hold them and their worries



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



News...

OUR REGION IN TIER 4

Despite Bolton now in Tier 4, places of worship are still permitted to be open and to hold services so St Bede's will continue to be open each Sunday at 10am



ST BEDES GOING DEEPER GROUP

Wednesday 6th January, 7.30pm

Our Going Deeper Group begins 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:

Topic: St Bedes Going Deeper Small Group

Time: Wednesday 6th January, 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86333636927?pwd=SnM5ModnK2VOVWdXK0FhWEIRjlUTog>

Meeting ID: 863 3363 6927

Passcode: 123456



10 POINTS TO PONDER AS 2020 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

1. The most useless thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house & told my dog.... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot barge pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancingfrom the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip out to the bins!
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money.



**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



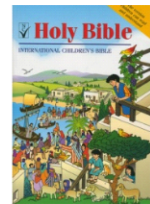
THE VISIT OF THE MAGI



'After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." *Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)*

We read in today's Gospel reading from Matthew 2:1-12, God sent a star to tell of Jesus' birth. The Magi did not have a map to follow to travel the long distance to Bethlehem, so they followed the star. They brought with them gifts of Gold (*a gift given to a king*), Frankincense (*an incense which has a pleasant smell and is burned during worship - a gift given to a priest*) and Myrrh (*something they used to prepare a body for the grave - a gift for someone going to die*).

Just like the Magi, people still search for Jesus today, but there is no star to follow. Therefore how can people find their way to Jesus today? THE BIBLE. This is the map and the star that will lead to Jesus. When we find Jesus, we don't have gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. So what can we give? Our gifts to Jesus are our love, our worship and our life to tell others what Jesus' birth, death and rising again means for them.



Quiz - The Visit of the Magi (answers can be found in Matthew 2:1-12)

- Where was Jesus born?**
a) Bethlehem of Judea b) Israel c) Galilee
- Who was the king when Jesus was born?**
a) the Pharaoh b) Cyrus c) Herod
- Where were the Magi travelling from?**
a) West b) East c) North
- How did Herod feel when he heard the Magi were looking for the king?**
a) happy b) terrified c) disturbed
- Who else was troubled by what the Magi were saying?**
a) wise men b) the people c) all of Jerusalem
- Who did Herod ask to find out about where the Christ had been born?**
a) the Magi b) his servants c) chief priests and scribes
- When the Magi saw the star, what did they do?**
a) rejoice b) follow it c) run away
- What did the Magi do when they saw Jesus and his mother Mary?**
a) carried him in the manger b) cried c) bowed down and worshipped
- What were the gifts that the Magi brought?**
a) myrrh, frankincense, silver b) gold, frankincense, myrrh c) frankincense, gold, silver
- What did the Magi do after visiting Jesus?**
a) returned to their country b) returned to Herod c) stayed in Bethlehem.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Please make supporting St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors your 2021 resolution! It's easy, FREE and makes such a BIG difference to us during these difficult times. All you need to do is use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online with over 4,300 retailers. Plus if you sign up, we'll get a £5 bonus donation:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbedeparishboltonleemoors/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Winners of the Christmas Raffle were;

- £50 of WHSmith Vouchers was D&D Smith
- Chocolate Bouquet was Vinny Whitworth
- Toiletries Hamper was Lorraine G

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who participated!! We raised an astonishing £228 !!



URBAN OUTREACH BOLTON

Congratulations to Chris and Dave Bagley on each receiving an MBE in the Queens New Years Eve Honours list. It comes in recognition of their work in the town for the past 30 years and especially in response to the Covid pandemic. We are delighted for them! 🎉



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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