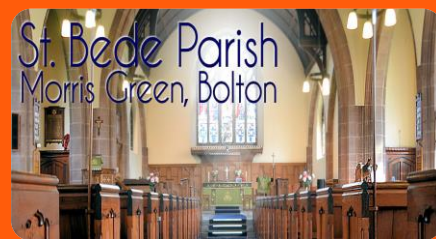




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



14th
February
2021

Sunday next before Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Immanuel 6: Encountering and Responding to Jesus

Reading: Mark 9 v 2-9

As we conclude our series on Jesus our Immanuel; as we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus, how can we encounter and respond to Jesus in our own lives? This Sunday will be an opportunity to also reflect on our giving and will contain an update on our church finances.

Vinny

ST BEDE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We will be continuing our 'coffee & chat' zoom session each Sunday at 11.30. All are welcome.

Zoom details are as follows;

Meeting ID: 723 9323 8608

Passcode: 654321

Today's Service

This week is **Morning Service**

Reading is **Mark 9 v 2-9**

Next week is **Family Holy**

Communion Reading is **John 3 v 1-21**

Today's Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray...

Jean	Sean
Michael	Jennifer
Doreen	Colin
Minti	Catherine
Ronnie	Natalie
Carys	Sylvia
John	Paul
John	Mary
David	Ann
Bernard	Stephen
Lynn	Yvonne
Will	Rob
Barbara	Susan
Wendy	Rachel
Lynn	Jo
Norman	Dawn
Gill	
Malcolm & Pat	
Michelle	



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



**St Bede Charity
Partners 2021;**



News...

'THE GLORY OF THE CROSS' JOINT LENT COURSE 2021

The season of Lent begins this month and we are delighted to announce details of our joint St Andrews and St Bedes Lent Course entitled 'The Glory of the Cross'. The course is a 6 week course, beginning on **Wednesday 24th February at 8pm** on Zoom.

The course is based on Tim Chester's book 'The Glory of the Cross' – which comprises of 7 weekly themes and a small reflection for each day from Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday which takes us through John's Gospel and explores how the cross is the most glorious moment in history.

Everyone who registers for the Lent Course will receive a copy of the book which we will hand deliver to you before Ash Wednesday. Alternatively copies of the book will be available at the back of church from this Sunday if you would prefer to pick up your copy yourself.

During the Lent Course we will be splitting up into breakout rooms and there will be space to chat and share what we've read in the past week. The book itself is very small and easy to read so you don't have to do lots of reading beforehand.

If you'd like to sign up to do the course and to receive your book then e-mail Vinny asap (vinny@st-bede.org.uk) and we will let you know the Zoom details for the course.

If you are unable to join us on Zoom because you don't have the technology – we would still be happy to drop you a copy of the book which you can use as part of your personal devotions during Lent. Again if you would like a copy of the book – do contact Vinny and we will ensure you have a copy before Ash Wednesday.

There is no charge if you want a copy of the book but if you want to make a donation to cover the cost we would suggest £5.

The Glory of the Cross will also be our focus during our services in Lent. We hope you will be able to join us as we journey towards Easter.



ST ANDREWS AND ST BEDES ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

Sundays, 6.30pm-7pm

As we continue to struggle with the Covid-19 crisis, following the Archbishops encouragement to keep on praying for our community and nation, we are resuming our joint Zoom prayer meetings with St Andrews each Sunday.

All are welcome to join us and the details are as follows:

Zoom ID Code: 852 4137 2903

Passcode: 123456

Join us as we pray for ourselves, our community and our world.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11: 24)

ASH WEDNESDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY 2021

This year we will be holding our usual joint Ash Wednesday service with St Andrews but this will be a 'virtual' event. All are welcome to join us.

The service will be on our **You Tube** channel – St Bede's and St Andrew's Church.



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



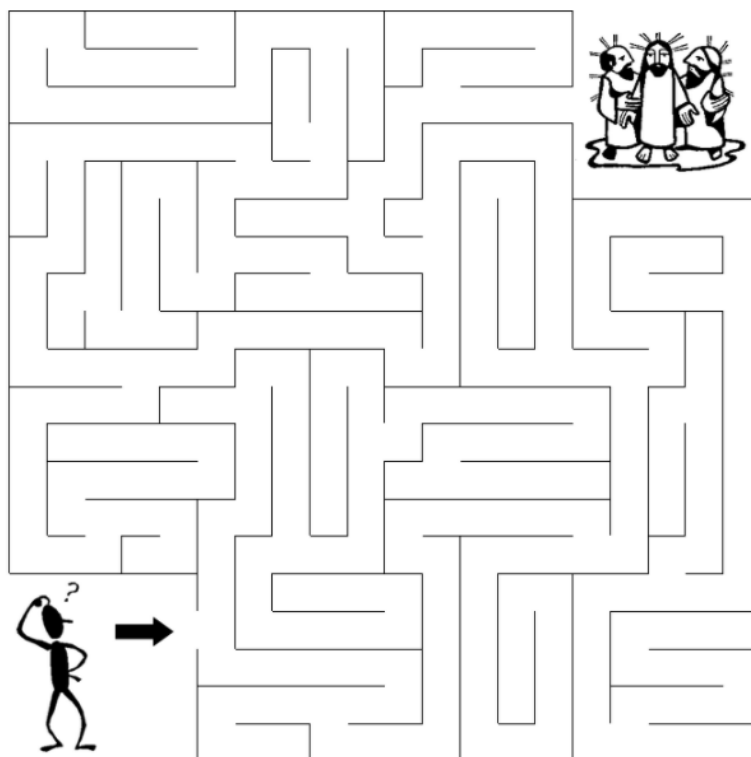
A Mountain Top Experience

'Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"' Mark 9:v7

The Bible reading today, tells us that one day Jesus took Peter, James and John high up into the mountains so that they could be alone. While on the mountain top, Jesus' appearance changed. His clothes became a dazzling white, whiter than any bleach could get them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking to Jesus. Peter exclaimed, "Teacher, it is wonderful for us to be here! Let's build three shelters -- one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Then a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud came a voice saying, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" Then when they looked again, they saw only Jesus.

Have you ever been to a mountain? There are often beautiful views to enjoy from the mountain top; you can clearly see the beauty of the world below. Some people go to the mountains to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, to relax and admire the beauty of creation. I imagine that Peter, James, and John would have been happy to stay up there on the mountain top with Jesus, but did they? No, Jesus knew that the purpose of their experience on the mountain top was to renew their strength for the difficult days that were ahead of them, so he led the disciples back down from the mountains into the valley. They encountered Jesus, our Immanuel, and responded to him. How can you encounter Jesus and respond to him in your life?

MAZE -Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the mountain top?





Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 4,400 shops and sites will donate to St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, M&S and Just Eat!

Plus, you could raise up to £270.75 when you use easyfundraising to save money on your household bills including car and home insurance, energy, phone contract or broadband. Uswitch, GoCompare, Confused.com and many more will all donate to us for FREE!

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbedeparishboltonleemoors/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-rbd21-e1

Thanks to all who attended last night. A good time was had by all!!

Donations have started to come in so thanks for that too!

The winners on the night were **The Divas!** (Gill W, Stephen & Enid)

CONGRATULATIONS
to our
WINNERS!

St Bede
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VALENTINE'S DAY

VIRTUAL QUIZ

Join us for a Zoom quiz just for a bit of fun on

Saturday 13th February 2021
@ 7.30pm

Please contact us to book your place – email
fundraising@st-bede.org.uk

To comply with current COVID regulations, entries will only be accepted for households only and teams should be no more than 4

We are asking for a donation to take part.
Full payment details will be given on the night.

Editorial Apology

This note from Malcolm should have been in last week's edition.

A LETTER TO THE SAINTS AT ST BEDE AND BEYOND.

Dear friends,

As you know I have been on a journey, but not of my own choosing. The event took me by shock, also Pat and the family, leading to my being admitted to Royal Bolton Hospital via A & E by emergency ambulance. I remember very little of the afternoon before my admission, though whilst in A & E, a well-meaning doctor, I'm sure, came to see me, and said in a hushed voice, 'you're my poorest patient here!' I could have felt unsettled and afraid, but instead, when he had gone, I began to pray for the peace and love of God in Jesus. Immediately I was filled with the assurance of the Holy Spirit, and the knowledge that Gods people were surrounding me with prayer. From then on, all fear of sepsis left me and the space was filled with the love, peace and healing of God.

Thank you, dear friends, for your prayer, it lifted me immensely, and gave me confidence and assurance of God's sustaining love and the power of the Holy Spirit to heal and cure alongside the medical and nursing skills.

This weeks reading Mark 1. 21-39 served to remind me that Jesus came to heal and redeem this broken world and bring health to us His children, spiritual and physical. Thank you again, don't give up on prayer, Jesus had to go at times to a special quiet place to re charge His prayer ministry with His Father, prayer is so important it I life sustaining, spiritually and physically.

God Bless,

Malcolm

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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