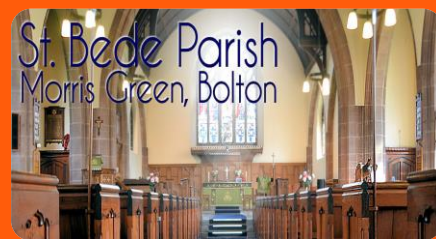




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



**21st March
2021**

5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Seeing the Glory of the Cross

Reading: John 12 v 20-36

As Jesus approaches the cross He declares "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (v 23). How is the cross a moment of glory? As Jesus alludes to in verse 24; Jesus recognises that his selfless act on the cross leads to a harvest of saved lives. As Christians today we are living proof of Jesus' glory. The glory of the cross is seen in us! However as Christians we are also called to follow Jesus' example. What selfless acts are we called to show in order to bring glory to Jesus?

Vinny

Today's Service

This week is **Family Service** Reading is **John 12 v 20 - 36**

Next week is **Palm Sunday** Readings are **Philippians 2 vs 5-11 & Mark 11 vs 1-11**

Today's Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world; lead us to ponder the mysteries of His passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our saviour's blood, 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	Family of Jo
Norman	Dawn
Gill	Michelle
Malcolm & Pat	Carol & Tony



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



St Bede Charity
Partners 2021;



News...

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the PCC beginning on **Sunday 7th March** and ending on **Sunday 21st March**.

Under the Church Representation Rules any persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll, if they:

- (1) are baptised and aged 16 or over;
 - (2) have signed a form of application for enrolment;
- and either
- (3) are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;

or

- (4) are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the back of Church. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by the 21st March for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should be reported to the undersigned.

Thank You

Elaine Almond

Electoral Roll Officer

APCM ARRANGEMENTS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the arrangements for the APCM have slightly changed and the APCM will now take place on Zoom at 12pm on **Sunday 11th April**. The details of how to log in for the APCM are below. You can access the meeting either by computer or telephone. If you still feel unable to access the meeting but you have a question that you would like to raise at the APCM then do e-mail Elaine.

Topic: St Bedes APCM Meeting

Time: Apr 11, 2021 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82858341005?pwd=N3JEQkhxVlU5cDQ5c2hPN05DOStBZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 5834 1005

Passcode: 110421

UPDATE ON REV MALCOLM

Malcolm has been discharged from hospital and is back home. Please pray for a continuing recovery and also pray for Pat and their family to receive the grace of God in this difficult time. ✝

EASTER SERVICES AT ST BEDES

Easter Services 2021 at St Bedes:
Maundy Thursday (1st April)
 7.30pm Joint Maundy Thursday Communion with St Andrews
 (at St Andrews Over Hulton)
Good Friday (2nd April)
 10am Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday (4th April)
 10am Family Easter Celebration Service
 + the draw for our community Easter Egg Hunt
 Plus online services for Good Friday
 and Easter Sunday

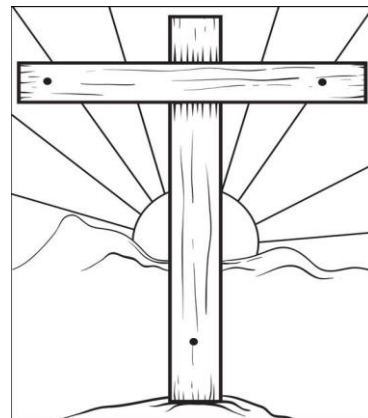


We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate Easter at St Bedes. If you are planning to come to the joint Maundy Thursday service at St Andrews at 7.30pm, then we are encouraging people to book their place so we can ensure social distancing. Please speak to Elaine or e-mail Elaine (elainealmond22@gmail.com) to book your place.

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

The Glory of the Cross

Today's bible reading is from St John, 12: 20-36. The people who were following Jesus thought Jesus had come to set up an earthly kingdom. But Jesus came to earth to die for our sins so that we could join Him in His heavenly kingdom. Even so, because Jesus knew He would soon be crucified and die, He said to his followers, "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' " Jesus then told the people, "No, it was for this very reason that I came, and when I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to Myself." The Bible tells us that He told them that so they would know how He was going to die. The drawing power of Jesus is very strong. When we see His great love, we're drawn to Him. He willingly died on the cross to pay the price for our sin, and when we trust in Him, we receive the right to become the children of God. **This is the glory of the cross.** Even after we become God's children, we will still sin, and that's not pleasing to Him. But that doesn't mean He will stop loving us. He has the power to draw us back to Himself. There is no power stronger than the love of Jesus, who was willing to be lifted up on the cross so we can have eternal life.



WORD JUMBLE

Can you rearrange the letters of the words below (taken from today's reading) to find the answer to the missing word?



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3

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"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will _____ all men to myself."
John 12:32 (NIV)

Answer:

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'He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.' *John 12:33(NIV)*



We are very excited to be launching "The Great Morris Green Easter Egg Hunt". This has already attracted a lot of interest on social media from the community!

On Sunday 28th March, Easter Eggs with letters on them will be appearing in windows across the Morris Green area.

Request your free instruction sheet and clues at info@st-bede.org.uk and see if you can locate all the eggs and reveal the hidden Easter message!

All correct entries will be put into a draw to win a Easter Egg hamper. Also, anyone who comes to church to see the result on Easter Sunday, will receive a free Cadbury Crème egg (subject to social distancing at the service).

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In the Christian calendar, February 17 marks the start of the season of Lent which lasts for 40 days. Lots of people aim to do something positive on each of those 40 days. Here are some ideas, in no particular order – why not give it a try on your own or with your family. Inspired by 40 Acts <https://40acts.org.uk/>

Give somebody a compliment today
Send a letter, card or picture to someone who is important to you
Be the first to say sorry to somebody
Go the whole day without arguing with anyone
Turn off lights, TV and chargers when you leave a room
Call a grandparent or uncle, or little cousin.
If someone does something for you, make sure you say 'thank you'
Drink more water - when you're healthy and energetic, it is much easier to be kind.
Create a Giving Bag or Box. Add items to it that you are willing to donate to a charity shop (when you are able to)
Instead of using a vehicle to travel today, walk or cycle or scoot everywhere
Is there a way to be a good team player today? Maybe that means helping each other out with something at home
Make a card or note saying something nice about someone in your household and hide it in a place that they will find it
Pick up litter and put it in the bin – if you are doing this on a walk, check it's safe to pick it up
Start telling jokes, watch something fun together, or whatever makes you laugh!
Be brave today. Do something that you found hard last time you tried
Take 10 minutes to just sit quietly and relax doing nothing.
Be spontaneous! Sometimes, random acts of kindness just come to you in the moment! What will you think of today?
Ask somebody to tell you about themselves and really listen
Learn to say 'hello' and 'thank you' in some different languages
Surprise somebody (in a nice way!) today



Tell somebody why you think they are special
Try not to interrupt. Listen carefully, you may learn something new
Try to find out about somebody your own age from a different country and imagine what it would be like to swap lives
Make a point of connecting with someone of a different generation today.
Help someone realise how amazing they are today
Recycle any paper, plastic, tins or glass that you use today
After lessons or work try for some screen free time of two hours or more - no Facebook, no apps, no phone calls, tv or games
Make an extra effort to smile more at others – it really can bring joy to their day!
Today might be a good time to make that apology you owe someone
Tidy up your bedroom without being asked to
Make sure to exercise - taking care of your body is important
Write down 5 things you are thankful and tell someone about it
Say sorry first, even if it wasn't your fault
Ask other people in your household if there is any job/task you can help them with today
Be positive all day and try only to say encouraging things to other people.
Create an encouragement jar - write some encouraging messages on slips of paper, place them in a jar and then people in your household can take it in turns on different days to take one from the jar
Make a present for someone out of scrap you can find. For example, a hanging mobile or collage picture
Got a favourite book or film with a positive message? Tell someone about it and think about are how you can live out that message
Be spontaneous! Sometimes, random acts of kindness just come to you in the moment! What will you think of today?
Think before you speak and make sure your words build people up today

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)

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

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS' JOINT LENT COURSE 2021

Our Lent course continues this week on **Wednesday at 8pm** on Zoom.

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



HELP WITH OUR ALLOTMENT

St Bede Academy are looking for some 'green fingers' to help them bring their allotment up to scratch. Any and all help would be appreciated.

If you have some spare time to help show the children how to care for an allotment, please contact Tony who will pass on your details –

tony@st-bede.org.uk or 07967 223380





Donations of Easter Eggs for this event would be much appreciated.

Please see Gill Blackburn

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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