

7th March
2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Seeing the Good Shepherd

Reading: John 10 v 1-18

Jesus declares himself to be the Good Shepherd – but are we willing to trust and follow Him? Interestingly, 3 times Jesus declares in this passage “I lay down my life for the sheep”. As we look at the cross and Jesus’ act of laying down his life; we see that Jesus lays down his life to show he is not self-seeking, to enable us to share in a relationship with God the Father, and to show that he cares for us. The cross gives us the confidence to put our trust in Jesus who is the Good Shepherd.

Vinny

Today’s Service

This week is **Family Holy Communion** Reading is **John 10 v 1 - 18**

Next week is **Mothering Sunday** Reading is **John 11 v 17 - 44**

Today’s Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern you will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please pray...

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| 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 | Michelle |
| Malcolm & Pat | |



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



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News...

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.

THE RAINBOW CHILDREN by Gemma Peacock

The history books will talk of now
That time the world stood still.
When every family stayed at home
Waved out from windowsills
At those, they loved but could not hold
Because they loved them so
Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers
start to grow.

The sun came out, they can recall
The windows, rainbows filled.
They kicked a football in their yards
Until the night drew in.
They walked each day but not too close
That time the world stood still.
When people walked straight down the roads
That once the cars did fill.
They saw that people became unwell
They knew the world was scared.
But whilst the world stood still they saw
How much the whole world cared.
They clapped on Thursdays from their doors
They cheered for the brave.
For people who would risk their lives
So others could be saved.
The schools closed down, they missed their
friends
They missed their teachers so.
Their mums and dads helped with their work
They helped their minds to grow.
The parents used to worry that
As schools were put on hold
Their children wouldn't have the tools
They'd need as they grew old.
But history books will talk of them
Now adults, fully grown.
Those little boys and girls back then
The ones who stayed at home.
They'll tell you that they fixed this world
Of all they would fulfil.
The rainbow children building dreams
They'd dreamed whilst time stood still

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



Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles



JESUS - THE GOOD SHEPHERD

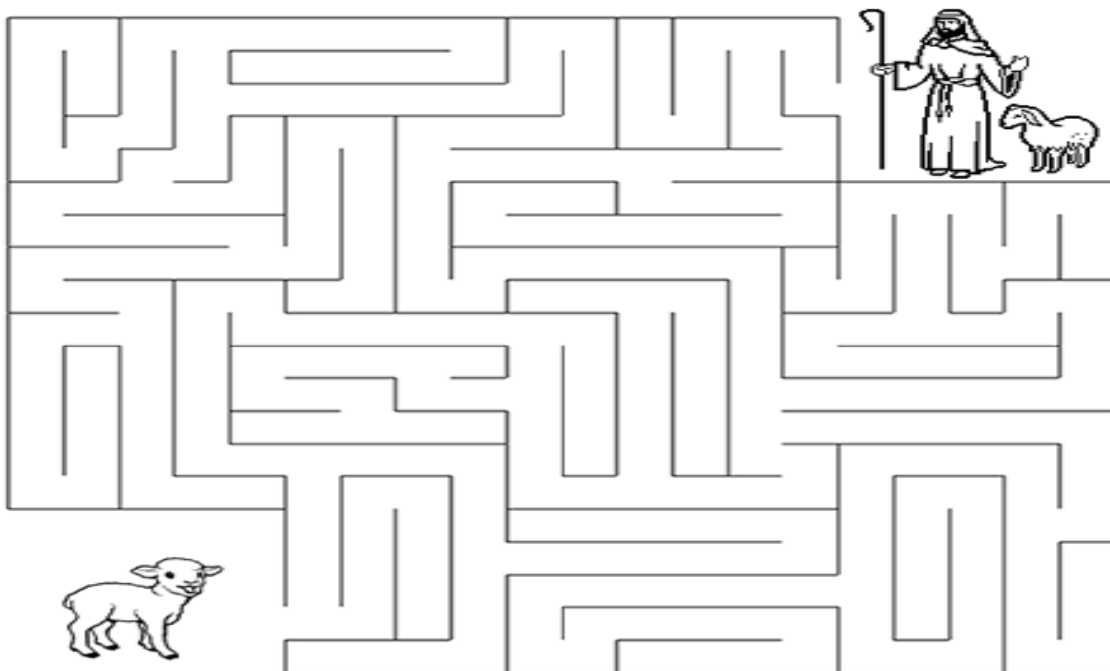
I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

What is a shepherd? It is a person who takes care of sheep. It is the shepherd's responsibility to care for and protect the sheep. In the reading today from John's Gospel (Chapter 10), Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd, who knows his sheep and his sheep know him (verse 14). Jesus also tells us that the sheep listen to the shepherd's voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out and the sheep follow him because they know his voice (verses 3 to 4). We are the sheep! We know that Jesus cares for us and will protect us, like sheep, but we must listen to Him.

MAZE

Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd, as he listens to His voice.



Prayer: Dear Father, we are thankful for Jesus. We know him and he knows us. He laid down his life for his sheep, for us. Thank you. Amen.



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

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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