



25th July
2021

8th Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Hèroes of the Old Testament: Sarah

Reading: Genesis 18 v 1-15

Abraham and Sarah faithfully followed God and moved to a new land which God had promised them. God also promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a family that would become a great nation – God’s chosen people. Yet Sarah was old and well past childbearing age and had no children. When a messenger of the Lord told Sarah that within the year she would give birth to a son, she laughed. But God says (v 14) ‘Is anything too hard for the Lord?’. Within a year Sarah gives birth to Isaac (Gen 21) and Sarah says (v 6) “God has brought me laughter and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me”. For Sarah: following God was an amazing fun-filled adventure which led to the birth of a new nation. Are we willing to trust God and continue our exciting fun-filled adventure with Him?

Vinny

Today’s Service

This week is **Together for God**

Reading is **Genesis 18 vs 1-15**

Next week is **Family Holy Communion**

Reading is **Joshua 1 vs 6-9**

Today’s Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we trust in your alone; through 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	Yvonne
Lynn	Rob
Will	Susan
Barbara	Rachel
Wendy	Family of Jo
Lynn	Dawn
Norman	Michelle
Jonathan & family	Carol & Tony
	Isabella



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



News...

VINNY'S LICENSING SERVICE

We are pleased to announce that the Bishop has now lifted the suspension of the parish of St Bede (legally the parish has been suspended for the last 5 years due to the changes and reorganisation of churches that St Bedes is linked with). In reality this means very little; but it was the reason why Vinny was originally licensed Priest-in-Charge rather than Vicar/Incumbent.

Now the suspension has been lifted; Vinny will now formally be licensed as Vicar/Incumbent and this will take place on **Tuesday 27th July at 7.30pm** at St Bedes. It will be a short service; but an opportunity to pray for ourselves as a church. All are welcome if you wish to attend.



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

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raise money
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St Bede Charity
Partners 2021;

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)



"Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had." (Philippians 2:4-5).



ST BEDES GOING DEEPER GROUP

We are meeting again this **Wednesday, 28th July, at 7.30pm** in the Community Room at Church as we conclude our series looking at 'Exploring Prayer'.

Do join us for an hour of fellowship, study and prayer

THERE IS AN IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE LATER ON IN THIS NEWSLETTER – PLEASE READ

PAPER VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER

With effect from **Sunday 15th August**, there will be paper versions of this newsletter available in church. You will need to take these yourself as they won't be given to you.

The deadline for things to be included in the newsletter will be **WEDNESDAYS**



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

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

As you are aware, all legal restrictions on public worship have now been lifted by the Government. For some people these new freedoms bring great relief and joy, for other people the changes bring worry and anxiety. The need to continue to be a church community where we love one another and respect each other's opinions and find a way to support one another is vital. Taking all this into account; St Bedes PCC have agreed the following way forward which balances everyone's needs.

Therefore from this Sunday:

- We will still be encouraging you to **sign in** and use the Test and Trace system.
- We strongly encourage anyone attending church to continue to wear their **face covering** when at St Bedes unless exempt. Mitigating factors such as these will reduce the need to self-isolate if there is a confirmed case in church. (even though we have had very few instances of confirmed cases in church anyway)
- We will be maintaining the **social distance** measure in church of using every other pew. Once all the pews are full; we will start to fill up the empty pews from the back but encourage people to sit in the middle of the pew so they maintain distance. If you are keen to maintain social distance measures we would suggest you sit towards the front of church.
- We will still be continuing with the practice of **distributing bread only** at communion. This will be continue to be reviewed however.
- **Paper versions of the weekly newsletter** will be available for you to pick up from Sunday 15th August; and you are also welcome to pick up hymn books/service sheets. However all services will continue to be on the screen so there is no need for you to have a book/sheet if you would prefer not to.
- **Singing** will return in church from **Sunday 1st August**

We hope that helps; if you have any further questions then as always do get in touch with Vinny or the Wardens



Other news...



**EMMA CLEGG IS ORGANISING A;
COFFEE MORNING/BRING AND BUY/RAFFLE
IN AID OF H.E.A.R.T. TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE PROPOSED
HULTON
PARK DEVELOPMENT AND LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD OF LOCAL FARMERS**

SATURDAY JULY 31ST 2021

10.30AM TILL 1PM

1 CLIVE ROAD BL5 2HR

***DONATIONS FOR BRING AND BUY/RAFFLE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED INCLUDING ON THE
DAY***

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, EVERYBODY WELCOME

ADMISSION £1.50 WHICH INCLUDES TEA OR COFFEE AND BISCUITS/CAKE

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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