



8<sup>th</sup> August  
2021

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

# Editorial

## Heroes of the Old Testament: Gideon

Reading: Judges 6 v 11-16

Times are hard for the Israelites; they had lost sight of God and they were constantly being attacked by the more powerful Midianites. God calls Gideon to lead his people. Gideon objects "My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family' (v 15). Yet through God's power, Gideon defeated the Midianites – with just 300 men after sending away nearly 32,000 men because he trusted in God's great power. In our own lives there are often times when we feel weak and helpless – but when we trust God and His great power, we can do anything.

Vinny

# Today's Service

This week is **All Age Family Service**

Reading is **Joshua 6 vs 11-16**

Next week is **Family Holy Communion**

Reading is **Ruth 1 vs 6-18**

## Today's Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always bring our prayers before you; through 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                 | Yvonne       |
| Lynn                    | Rob          |
| Will                    | Susan        |
| Barbara                 | Rachel       |
| Wendy                   | Family of Jo |
| Lynn                    | Dawn         |
| Norman                  | Michelle     |
| Jonathan & family       | Carol & Tony |
| David, Barbara & Family | Isabella     |
|                         | Barbara      |



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



## News...

### BOLTON LUNCHES INITIATIVE

During this summer school holidays Urban Outreach will once again be helping to bridge the hunger gap for those children that would normally receive free school meals via the 'Bolton Lunches' initiative.

There has been a good response for volunteers however they are still short on numbers for Friday mornings.

If you would be available to help with the pack and sandwich making on any Friday during the school holidays from 7am to 8-30am please contact the Urban Outreach office on 01204 385848 or email [admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk](mailto:admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk) to add your name to the volunteer list.



### UPDATE ON DAVID

David is at home and doing well although he is self-isolating at the moment. However, he has been advised to take it easy and as such will not be able to play any services until early September.

Do continue to hold David, Barbara and the family in your prayers

### PAPER VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER

With effect from **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**



### CONTACTLESS GIVING AT ST BEDES

During August we are trialing contactless giving at St Bedes.

Recently many of us have got used to using contactless payments rather than cash and as a result often people no longer carry cash on them.

Whilst we are continuing with the collection plate, envelope system and direct debit system for people to donate to St Bede's Church

we now also have a contactless payment machine at the back of church for those who prefer contactless and wish to make a donation to St Bedes Church.

Donating is easy and you can set the amount you wish to donate.

Thank you for your continuing support



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**OUTREACH**



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](mailto:David.almond3@ntlworld.com) or visit our website – [www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk)

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

## TRUST IN GOD



"The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior."

"Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you."

"But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them."

Gideon was called by God to lead his people. He initially objected, but through God's power he defeated the Midianites, with just 300 men, because he trusted in God's great power. Gideon's story shows how easily we can slip away from God's guidance and fall into trouble, but we must not become lax in seeking God's will for our lives, because when we trust in God and his great power, we can do anything.

Lead Gideon and his army to the Midianite camp.



## Other news...

Please see the important message below from Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton, about the Believe in Bolton 2021 event with Canon J John

### Believe in Bolton 2021

We are writing to update you on the Believe in Bolton event with Canon J John.

The organising group of Believe in Bolton have taken the difficult decision to postpone the event with Canon J John to December and to have a Carol Service with J John as the guest Speaker.

But we didn't want to lose the idea of uniting together in worship and mission in September

So we are inviting you to celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ and the wonders of the Gospel on the Friday of the planned Believe in Bolton event - September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. This will be held at Bolton Parish Church by kind permission of the Vicar and wardens. We will be able to meet together to pray for our town and encourage one another in our churches as we enter a new season.

We are excited about all that God is doing in our midst and being able to celebrate the Good news of Jesus and his great and generous invitation to all to come to Him

We are grateful to all who have helped and supported us in our planning and continue to ask for your prayers.

Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Yours in Christ  
Mark

**Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft**  
Bishop of Bolton



This month you can WIN £250 for St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors and prize for yourself by entering the #easyfundraising Back to School Giveaway!

For a FREE entry, all you have to do is visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers. This would make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time, so please take a moment to get involved!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/giveaway/back-to-school?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=rm-btsgiv21-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/giveaway/back-to-school?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-btsgiv21-f1)

***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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