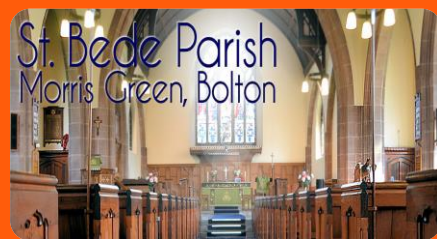




# St Bede

*Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors*



19<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2021

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

**Questions God Asks: What is that in your hand?**

**Reading: Exodus 4 v 1-5**

As God speaks to Moses at the burning bush; God asks Moses 'What is that in your hand'. It was Moses staff; an ordinary staff – but as Moses offered it to God, the staff played a vital role later in leading Moses and his people out of Egypt. What do we have in our hands which we can offer to God? Money, possessions and time! When we faithfully offer them to God, God uses what we give him to do His will.

(Note: as part of this service we will be doing a financial update on the life of our churches and asking people to reflect on their giving)

Vinny

## Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion**

Reading is **Exodus 4 vs 1-5**

Next week is **All Age Family Service**

Reading is **Exodus 14 vs 5-25**

**Today's Collect**

Lord of Creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonder, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, 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	Family of Jo
Barbara	Dawn
Wendy	Michelle
Lynn	Carol & Tony
Norman	Isabella
Jonathan & family	Barbara
David, Barbara & Family	Norman, Sharron and family



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



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**OUTREACH** (BOLTON)



## News...

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 2021

**Sunday 3rd October, 10am**

We invite you to join us for our special Harvest Festival on Sunday 3rd October at 10am

As part of our Harvest Celebrations, we invite you to bring a harvest donation for Urban Outreach, our charity partner for 2021.

Suitable donations include tinned food, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, shampoo, wet wipes, nappies, etc.

Thank you for your support.

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This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. We are looking to make it a little different this year so if you have any ideas, please join us for a meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** in the Community Room at 7.30pm.

### STOP PRESS

The deadline for things to be included in the newsletter will be **WEDNESDAYS**. Please contribute where you can!



### SCHOOL UPDATE

On this occasion, Sarah Rostron is giving us a school update via a YouTube video. You can watch it here;

[https://youtu.be/MiJ\\_BSLvoeE](https://youtu.be/MiJ_BSLvoeE)

### ALLOTMENT

Hello,

We are officially opening the new St Bede allotment on **Wednesday 22nd September at 3.30pm**. Please join us to celebrate and thank PGL pipelines for their wonderful work. Please let Tony know if you would like to attend.

*Lauren*

Lauren Hirst, Deputy Head, St Bede Academy



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

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## MOSES - CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect the dots to complete the picture of Moses.



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## Other news...

### **The Big Picture** **Bible Overview**

Imagine trying to understand and enjoy just one chapter of an Agatha Christie novel without knowing the plot so far. An isolated chapter would seem confusing and dull.

The Bible can also appear strange when read as disjointed sections without an understanding of how the books fit together!

The Bible has a plot and central themes that its' ultimate author (God) developed from beginning to end. What we need is a big picture of Scripture, a "Bird's Eye View of The Bible".

Are you ready to see the "Big Picture"?

If so, then join Kwez and Glynn for the adventure to begin. All notes will be supplied, but it would be useful if you could have a Bible with you and, of course, a sense of humour.

The next sessions will be held during October for 5 Saturday mornings commencing on 2 October. We will meet in the family room at St Andrews from 9 to 12 am, followed by food and fellowship.

At the end of the [overview](#) you will have an understanding of the Bible as a whole, understand the context in which books were written and have a complete set of notes for your own future reference.

If you would like to join [us](#) please either email or phone:

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**Tel 07855 522 439**





## Challenges and Future Plans at St Bedes

**Vinny writes...** In Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush; God asks Moses 'What is that in your hand' (Exodus 4:2). All that Moses has in his hand is an ordinary staff. Yet as Moses offers his staff to God in faith; God in his awesome power uses the staff to work out his amazing plans and purposes.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you, our church family at St Bedes, some of the challenges we face but also some of the exciting future plans we have for St Bedes; so we can pray together and discern where God is leading us.



### The Challenge

We have been incredibly blessed at St Bedes that many of you have continued to faithfully give financially to support the ministry and mission of St Bedes and personally I want to thank you for your continued support.

However the Covid-19 pandemic has had a financial impact on us all including ourselves as a church and as a Diocese. Social restrictions have meant we have missed out on doing many of our social/fundraising events and as a result for 2021 so far St Bedes Church has a shortfall of **£3,000**. This means we also have no money to do much needed upgrades to the church building and facilities at St Bedes for example replacing the sound system (which we have been quoted £6,000+ to replace).

As a church, we are not alone in this financial challenge. In 2020 Manchester Diocese made a loss of **£3 million**. This already means there are major consequences which will impact on our mission and ministry at St Bedes. All churches in the Diocese are being restructured into **Mission Communities** where we are being asked to work in larger teams and there will be less stipendiary (paid full time) clergy available. At the moment the plan is for St Bedes to be part of a Mission Community which consists of 14 churches (Horwich, Westhoughton + Deane) with an allocation of 5 stipendiary clergy.

### Future Plans

Despite the challenges we face; I am excited and confident about the future and we have so much to be thankful for at St Bedes. We have a new curate, Ben, who has settled in well to life here at St Bedes. Our children's ministry is restarting and we are able to do social events again which are an important part of engaging with our wider community. Our Going Deeper Group will be returning soon and we have a growing number of opportunities to engage with our wider community through our church school, St Bedes Academy.

As we enter a new season I believe God has so much more in store for us at St Bedes. Yet each one of us needs to play our part in God's plans and purposes and we need to be willing to offer to God what is in our hand; whether that is our time, our resources and our money so that future generations of people in Morris Green can hear the good news of Jesus.

Please continue to pray about the challenges and also the exciting future plans we have here at St Bedes and how you might respond in faith

Vinny

There are a number of ways in which you support financially the mission and ministry of St Bedes Church.

#### **Standing Order**

You can set up a standing order or make a donation through internet banking via your own bank. Our church account details are as follows:

Bank Name: Lloyds TSB

Account Name: St Bede's Parochial Church Council

Sort Code: 30-96-85

Account Number: 02869759

There are also standing order forms available to pick up at the back of church. Completed forms should be handed in to David Almond, our treasurer, or Gill and Jean our Wardens.

#### **Collection Plate**

Some people prefer to make a donation through the collection plate. Currently we do not pass round the collection plate during the service but you can place envelopes and money donations on the collection plate at the back of church. If you pay tax, please could we encourage you to use gift aid envelopes. This enables us to claim an extra 25% from the Government.



#### **Card Machine**

As a result of the pandemic many of us prefer to use card payments rather than carry cash with us. At St Bedes we have a card reader at the back of church near the collection plate which you can tap your card in order to make a set donation of £3 or £5.

#### **One off Donations**

If you would like to make a one off donation; there are envelopes available at the back of church.

#### **Supporting Fundraising Events**

Finally, turning up and supporting our many fundraising events through the year such as the Christmas Fayre, makes a real difference to your church.



# fundraising



## Harvest Supper Quiz

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Ellesmere Road Club**

**7.30 – 10.00pm**

*Who will win the coveted St Bede Harvest Supper Trophy?*

**Teams of no more than 4**

**Pasty and Peas included in the ticket price**

*£5.00 Adults £3.00 Children £12.00 Family Ticket*

Email [fundraising@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk) for more information

**Pay in cash or by card**

*See Jean  
Phillips*



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*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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