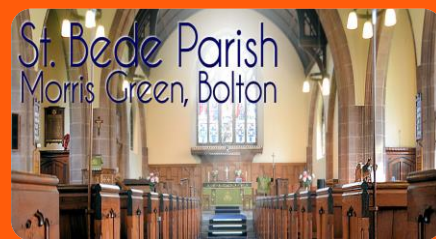




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



21st
November
2021

ADVENT SUNDAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

**Advent Sunday – The 2nd
Coming**

Reading: Luke 21 v 25-36

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

Every eye shall now behold
him
robed in dreadful majesty.
(Charles Wesley)

Tony

HELP NEEDED

We need helpers to help put up our Christmas Tree ready for our Fayre next weekend!

Today's Service

This week is **Baptism**

Reading is **Luke 21 vs 25-36**

Next week is **Family Holy
Communion**

Reading is **Luke 3 vs 1-6**

Today's Collect

*Almighty God, as your kingdom
dawns, turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of holiness, that
we may be ready to meet you in
our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.*



Please pray...

Jean
Michael
Doreen
Minti
Ronnie
Carys
John
John
David
Bernard
Lynn
Will
Barbara
Wendy
Lynn
Jonathan &
family
David, Barbara
& Family

Sean
Jennifer
Colin
Catherine
Natalie
Sylvia
Paul
Mary
Ann
Yvonne
Rob
Family of Jo
Dawn
Michelle
Isabella
Barbara
Sharron and
family
Marion
Sean



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



 **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)



News...

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF JESUS 2021

UPDATE

As you know St Bedes and St Andrews have pledged to collect 1700 packets of luxury biscuits for our charity partner Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign.

As of last Sunday (21st November) we have collected **638** boxes of biscuits

Thank you for your support. However we only have 1 more Sunday to bring in donations. If every person across our churches brought in 7 boxes next week we would meet our target total.

Please remember the biscuits must be:

luxury biscuits (e.g. supermarket best brand cookies) and between 200g-250g in size.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS NOMINATIONS

As a church, we are also able to nominate people to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus.

If you know someone in church or in the local community who are going through a tough time or even just need blessing this Christmas (maybe they have suffered a bereavement this year) and you would like to nominate them then please e-mail Vinny with their name, address, postcode and number of people in their household.

If you would like to deliver the hamper yourself then they will be available on **Thursday 23rd December**. Nominations must be sent to Vinny by **Sunday 5th December**

STOP PRESS

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



CHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FORM SIGNING

We have been informed that Canon Slade and St James are now taking into account weekly church attendance for their school admissions criteria

Therefore, as of last Sunday (**21st November**) we are reintroducing the old system where each child has an attendance sheet which needs to be signed every Sunday they attend St Bede.

This will be backdated to **Sunday 7th November** (when church attendance was counted again)

If you require a new form then please speak to Freda



Our Church depends very heavily on fundraising as well as regular giving to keep our Church afloat.

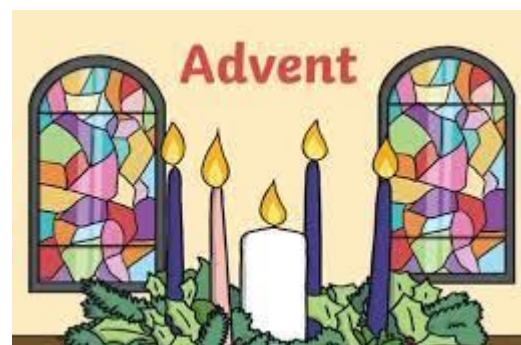
We ask that you do continue to give by setting up a Standing Order from your bank. Please contact our Treasurer, David Almond for further details – David.almond3@ntlworld.com or visit our website – www.st-bede.org.uk

Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

ADVENT SUNDAY

'At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.' Luke 21:27

Today, we are entering the season of Advent. Advent means "the coming of something very important." It is a period of time when we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas--and we also look forward to Jesus' return. Jesus promised to come again, and we look forward to it, just as people 2,000 years ago looked forward to Jesus the Saviour being born. As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, at Christmas, let's also be sure we prepare for His exciting return.



WORD PUZZLE

Each line of the puzzle below has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The words have been taken from the bible reading today. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

1.	C	C	A	R	E	F		L	R	C	N	Q	T
2.	T	Z	G	L	O	R		S	W	G	Q	C	H
3.	D	B	F	L	S	I		N	S	B	C	K	R
4.	Q	B	K	N	H	L		R	A	Y	D	L	Z
5.	Q	F	V	J	L	I		T	J	O	F	W	V
6.	U	J	G	K	Z	E		A	T	C	H	J	L
7.	H	Q	H	E	A	D		I	B	W	A	A	S
8.	M	J	E	F	C	P		L	O	U	D	S	C

signs
lift

heads
clouds










glory
careful

watch
pray

Other news...

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2021

We are still looking for donations for the stalls... Please bring to church next Friday!!

-  New or nearly new toys in the original packaging (no fluffy toys or teddy bears please)
-  Christmas Gifts
-  Bathroom/Cosmetic gift sets
-  Boxes of Chocolates
-  Christmas Craft items to use on the Craft Stall (see Jill Brooks)
-  Raffle Prizes
-  Food Hamper Donations – luxury items
-  Sweets
-  Helpers!!!! See Gill Blackburn

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ADVENT!

Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing 10 things you probably didn't know about **ADVENT**

Here are 3 & 4



3. IT'S A TIME OF SORROW AND JOY.

During Advent, devout Christians take the time to pray, reflect on the past year, and mourn for the sin and evil in the world. Although Advent is a time of sorrow, it's also an opportunity to express hope. Christians prepare for new beginnings, look forward to the second coming of Christ, and renew their faith.

4. OBSERVANTS LIGHT CANDLES IN AN ADVENT WREATH.

Representing hope and everlasting light, candles have been traditional symbols of Advent for centuries. On the four Sundays prior to Christmas, most churches light an Advent candle, with each candle corresponding to an anecdote from the Bible. Some Christians also light Advent candles in evergreen wreaths, called Advent wreaths. Depending on the denomination of Christianity, believers may light a fifth candle inside the wreath on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Christ.



Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2021!

It's that time of year again with our biggest CDOJ campaign yet! Our challenge as St Andrews and St Bedes is to collect **1700** packets of luxury biscuits by Sunday 5th December!

They must be 200g-250g (no big selection boxes please)
Please start collecting NOW!



St Bede
Parish Church, Balton Le Moors

CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

DECEMBER THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
On Saturday 4th December 2021
at 10.30am – 2.00pm, St Bede Church

**At the heart
of Christmas**

Stalls to include; Toy Stall, Christmas
& Bathrooms gifts, Tombola,
Christmas Crafts, children's games
and lots more!

Café selling sandwiches,
cakes, Bacon Barmes and pasties!
Plus, Santa's Grotto



Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping this year.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to St Bede Parish, Bolton-le-Moors for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. You can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

#ThisMeansMore than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a difference! Sign up today:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbedeparishboltonleemoors/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-chts21-e1

or scan this QR code;



SCAN ME

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

Christmas Unwrapped is an exciting opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with our town. As churches across Bolton we have joined together to host a wonderful evening of carols, mulled wine and mince pies, and a Gospel message from well known author, speaker and evangelist J. John. The event is free and you don't need a ticket - just turn up on the night.

We are hoping that Bolton Parish Church will be packed out for this event and that many people will respond to the good news of Jesus.

There are 2 ways you can get involved:

1. Invite your family and friends to come with you on the evening
2. We need volunteers for the Response Team and to pray with people who have responded to J. John's message

If you are interested in volunteering then please speak to Vinny.



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 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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