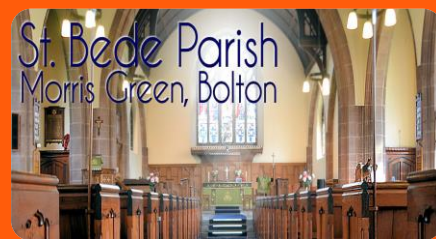




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



12th
December
2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Advent 3 – John the Baptist

Reading: Luke 3 v 7-18

What Is the Candle of Joy?

Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this week's candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child's arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday.

During this third week of advent, this Sunday celebrates the passage Philippians 4:4-5, its verses extolling readers to "rejoice" for "indeed the Lord is near."

Tony

Today's Service

This week is **Morning Service**

Reading is **Luke 3 vs 7-18**

Next week is **Christingle Service**

Reading is **John 1 vs 35-42**

Today's Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way for your Son; give
us courage to speak the truth, to
hunger for justice, and to suffer
for the cause of right, with Jesus
Christ our Lord.



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!



St Bede Charity Partners 2021;



News...

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF JESUS 2021



Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce that following the final count of luxury biscuits last Sunday St Bedes and St Andrews achieved their goal of collecting **1700** boxes of luxury biscuits for our charity partner Urban Outreach and their initiative Christmas Dinner on Jesus.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards this amazing total!

The biscuits were all delivered to Urban Outreach on Friday.

As a church we are delighted to be working with our church school St Bede Academy in nominating local people to receive a hamper and we will be delivering the hampers on the 23rd December.



STOP PRESS

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

There will be NO newsletter on 26th December or 2nd January

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2021

As in previous year's, we will be encouraging everyone to send Christmas wishes via the newsletter rather than send individual cards. If you would like to include a greeting for NEXT SUNDAY, please complete the form in Church or email newsletter@st-bede.org.uk. Please remember to give a donation



COFFEE ROTA

Can you help us serve tea and coffee on a Sunday morning following our morning service? If you are interested in volunteering to join our Rota then please speak with Elaine Almond.

Currently it would mean being available every 6 or 7 weeks.

Thanks

Elaine

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

Joy of Christmas

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same". Luke 3:11



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WORD SEARCH

(based on today's bible reading)

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FIRE
ROOT
VIPERS

CROWD
SHARE
NONE

TREE
STONES
TWO

FOOD
SHIRTS
FRUIT

CHILDREN
BAPTIZED
BROOD

Other news...

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 7 & 8



7. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS A DAY TO REJOICE.

On the third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday, Christians take a break from repenting to celebrate Christ's imminent arrival. Churches use rose-colored candles and decorations, and the clergy preach about joy, redemption, and blessings. Christians may pray and reflect on the things for which they're grateful.

8. IT'S TOO EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Although stores and radio stations begin blasting Christmas songs long before Thanksgiving, devout Christians don't celebrate Advent by singing Christmas music. Instead, they sing Advent-specific hymns, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and they postpone the Christmas tunes until Christmas Eve.

WE'VE DONE IT!

St Andrews and St Bedes have completed their challenge and we have collected **1700** packets of luxury biscuits!

Thank you so much for your support!
The biscuits will be delivered to Urban Outreach on Friday

URBAN OUTREACH

ST BEDE
ST ANDREWS CHURCH



St Bede's Christmas Services



Sunday 19th December

10am Christingle Service

Join us for our all-age Christingle service! We'll be singing carols, making Christingles, watching our young people's Nativity, and sharing festive refreshments after the service. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Friday 24th December

6.30pm Family Carols Service

Everyone is welcome at this short service as we sing carols and reflect on the Christmas Story. We'll also be joined by a very special visitor at the end of the service!



Saturday 25th December



10am Christmas Day Communion

Worship with us on Christmas Morning as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Don't forget to bring a present to show everyone too!

Sunday 26th December

10am The Feast of St Stephen

Join us for our family service as we mark the feast of St Stephen.



At the heart of Christmas 



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

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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