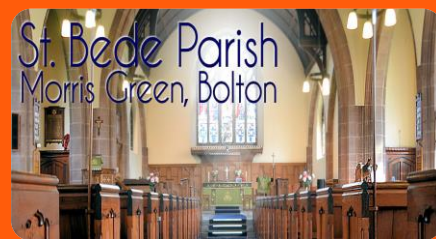




*Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors*



19<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2021

Christingle

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

### Heart of Christmas

Whether you are a regular at St Bede, or you are joining us for the 1st time over the Christmas period, we are delighted that you have come to St Bede to join in with our Christmas worship.

At St Bede we have adopted the national C of E Christmas theme, the Heart of Christmas, as the theme for our own Christmas celebrations.

We hope that as you worship with us over this Christmas period, you will discover the heart of Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child. If you would like to continue to reflect and ponder on what the birth of Jesus means for you today there are some free 'Heart of Christmas' booklets with 12 daily readings available at the back of church.

Please do help yourself to a booklet, and if you want to explore the Christian faith further

you are very welcome to come on our New Year Alpha Course in January (details are included in this newsletter).



## Today's Service

This week is **Christingle Service**

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

Next service is **Christmas Eve Service**

### Today's Collect

*Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in 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  
Dean

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



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

## News...

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Unless you are exempt, it is now mandatory to wear face coverings in church.

Please do wear your face covering when coming to St Bede.

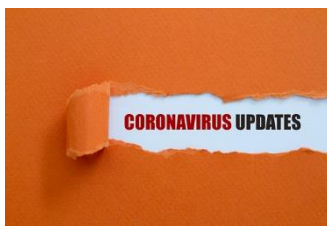
You may remove your face covering when singing, speaking at the front of church or when you have refreshments after the service.



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St Bede Charity  
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**OUTREACH** (BOLTON)



Explore life's biggest questions

Begin the New Year by joining the St Andrews and St Bedes Alpha Course!

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal way.

We'd love to see you at our introductory session 'Is there more to life than this' on Tuesday 11th January between 8pm - 9.15pm in St Andrews Church Lounge

For more information or to register your interest please contact Vinny (vincentwhitworth@hotmail.com)

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### 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 26<sup>th</sup> December BUT there will be an online version on 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2021

See this year's Christmas Greetings further on in the newsletter



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

# Church Rocks & Shiny Pebbles

## Christingle



The Christingle was established in 1747 as a symbol of Christ's light and his love for all people. The Children's Society introduced it to the Church of England in 1968 and it is now a popular, much-loved family event.

The Christingle is made of an orange, a lighted candle, a red ribbon and sweets on cocktail sticks.



The orange represents the world.



The lighted candle is Jesus, the Light of the World.

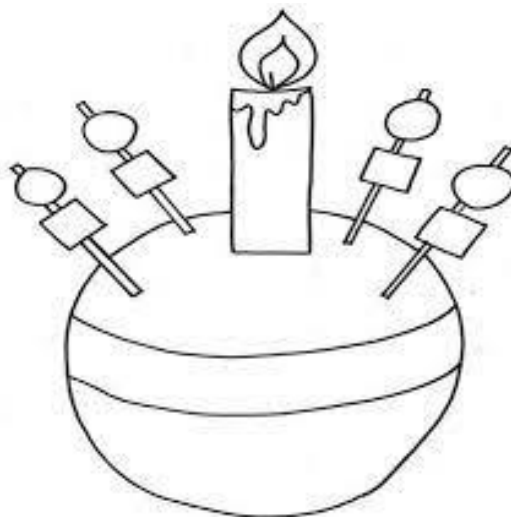


The red ribbon represents the blood and love of Christ.



The four cocktail sticks and sweets represent the four seasons, the fruits of the earth and God's good gifts.

## Colour your own Christingle





# 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 9 & 10



### 9. SUNDAYS ARE IMPORTANT.

On each of the four Sundays of Advent, most churches focus on a specific religious topic such as the Prophets, the Messiah, or John the Baptist. Clergy may give sermons and light candles, and Christians spend time both remembering the first coming of Christ and anticipating His second coming. Because Sundays are so important during Advent, some churches don't allow funerals on those days.

### 10. MOST CHRISTIANS NO LONGER FAST DURING IT.

Today, some devout Christians still fast during Advent, while others simply avoid consuming certain foods such as meat, dairy, or desserts. Still other Christians focus on praying and repentance rather than fasting. In general, current members of Eastern Orthodox churches are more likely to fast than members of Western churches.





**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** 





# Christmas Messages

Merry Christmas and a happy new year

To all our friends at St Bede

*David & Elaine Almond*

May the blessing of this Christmastide be with you  
And your families and remain with you throughout

The New Year. God Bless

*Sharron and Family*

Wishing everyone at St Bede Church a blessed and  
Happy Christmas

*Sarah Rostron & Anna Black - and all at St Bede Primary Academy*

Wishing all our St Bede family a blessed and  
peaceful Christmas and new Year

*Love Anne, Martin, Emma, Jake & Barbara*

Christmas blessings be with you all this  
season and beyond

*Tony, Gill, Elliot, Sophie, Enid and Stephen*

Wishing everyone and their families a blessed and  
Happy Christmas at St Bede

*Love Gill Blackburn*





# Christmas Messages

To our church family and friends may you know  
the peace and joy of God in Christ this Christmas and in the coming year.

*Malcolm and Pat*

To all our St Bede's family  
Wishing you a very happy and blessed Christmas and all the very best for the new year

*From Carol, Tony, Will and Lorna*

Wishing all our friends at St. Bede's a very happy and peaceful Christmas  
and God's blessings of a happy and healthy 2022.

With love & God Bless,

*Freda & Rodney.*

Wishing all our St Bede family a happy  
Christmas and a happy New Year

*Love Dean, Kirsty & Max*

Sending Christmas blessings to all my  
friends at St Bede's and wishing them a  
peaceful and happy New Year. God bless us  
everyone

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful  
And safe New Year ahead

*Kathleen Carrodus*

*Love from Rachael, James & Eleanor Storey*

*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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