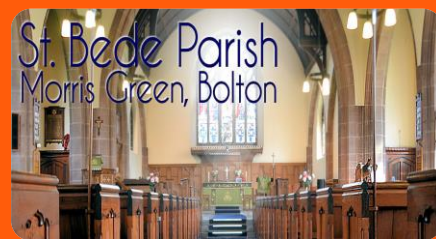




Parish Church, Bolton-le-Moors



5th
December
2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Advent 2 – The Prophets

Reading: Luke 3 v 1-6

Advent is now considered the first season of the liturgical year, the church's annual cycle of feast days and Scripture readings. Much like their ancestors, modern Christians see it as a season of preparation in honour of Christ. Advent is celebrated on four consecutive Sundays, beginning on the Sunday closest to November 30 and ending on December 24, Christmas Eve.

Each Sunday has a traditional meaning and prayers and readings assigned to it; they represent, in order, the Christian virtues of love, joy, hope, and peace. For believers, Advent represents a multi-faceted period during which to prepare for the birth of Christ, celebrate faith in and conversion to Christianity, and anticipate the eventual resurrection of the son of God

Today's Service

This week is **Family Holy Communion**

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

Next week is **Morning Service**

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

Today's Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, that we may be ready to meet you, who is our Lord and saviour.



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!



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Diocese of Manchester

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**St Bede Charity
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**URBAN
OUTREACH** (BOLTON)



News...

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF JESUS 2021

UPDATE

As you know St Andrews and St Bedes 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 (28th November) we broke the **1000** packets barrier! Thank you so much for your support.

This Sunday (5th December) is the last day to receive luxury biscuit donations

We'll let you know next Sunday whether we completed our challenge!

COVID UPDATE

As you are aware the UK government have brought in mandatory rules regarding wearing face coverings in certain contexts.

The legal obligation to wear face coverings does **NOT** apply to places of worship and therefore at St Bede's we will continue as we are.

We do encourage people to wear face coverings in church - especially when moving around the building but there is no legal obligation to wear a face covering.



STOP PRESS

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



CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

Sadly we have to announce that the Christmas Unwrapped Carol Service with J. John on Tuesday 14th December has now been cancelled due to concerns regarding Covid-19.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused

CANCELLED

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

John the Baptist Prepares the Way



The bible reading today is Luke 3: verses 1 to 6.

Read it and see if you can answer the questions below:



QUIZ (BASED ON LUKE 3: 1-6)

1. What did John preach about?
2. What year was the reign of Tiberius Caesar?
3. Who was John the Baptist preparing the way for?
4. What was the river called?
5. Who was the prophet?
6. What should be filled in?
7. What should become straight?
8. Who was the governor of Judea?
9. Who was Herod's brother?
10. Who was John's father?



Other news...

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2021

A massive St Bede thank you to all who helped, organized, sold items, bought items and visited us at the fayre yesterday. It really is appreciated



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 5 & 6



5. VIOLET IS A POPULAR COLOR.

While green and red are typically associated with Christmas, the period leading up to December 25 is all about purples or violets. The candles in advent wreaths are usually violet or purple, churches are decorated with violet, and priests may wear the colour in the weeks before Christmas. To Christians, purple represents repentance and fasting, though some denominations use blue or pink instead of violet.

6. CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH LITTLE PRIZES.

Most advent calendars are simple cardboard affairs, and each opened window reveals an illustration of a Christmas-related item such as a reindeer or a stocking. But if you want to inject the countdown to Christmas with more anticipation and excitement, buy an advent calendar filled with chocolate or other sweet treats. Don't have a sweet tooth? There are also advent calendars containing 24 LEGO pieces and 24 diamonds.



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.







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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