

16th January
2022

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Editorial

Vision 2: Growing in Christ

Reading: Ephesians 3 v 14-17a

It was great last week to hear about the St Bede Vision for the next 5 years and that "God is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us" *Ephesians 3:20*

I believe God has so many plans for us in the next 5 years and our Vision Night on Monday will give more details on how we can bring our vision to life.

I encourage you all to attend as God has a plan for you all!

"See, I am doing a new thing..."
Isaiah 43:19

Tony – Licensed Lay Minister
(Reader)

Today's Service

This week is **Holy Communion**

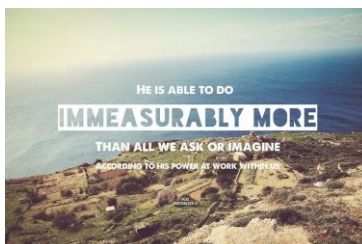
Reading is **Ephesians 3 vs 14-17a**

Next service is **Together for God**

Reading is **Ephesians 3 vs 17b - 19**

Today's Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord



Please pray...

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

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



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

News...



ST BEDES VISION NIGHT

As part of our Vision focus we are holding a special 'Vision Night' where we can gather to pray for our church and also begin to think about what our Vision means practically for us at St Bedes. We would encourage every member of our church family at St Bedes to come along on **Monday 17th January, 7.30pm** in the Community Room.



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St Bede Charity
Partners 2022;



STOP PRESS

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



2022 ST BEDE CHARITY PARTNER

Then PCC met this week and made a decision on one of our charity partners for 2022 - FORTALICE

Fortalice provides frontline services including a refuge with 22 flats, training and group work for victims who are, or have been affected by domestic abuse and violence.

Their services support women, men, families, children and young people in Bolton and the surrounding areas. Survivors are invited to engage with group work or individual sessions to address the abuse they have lived with. They work to promote and ensure a future free from abuse and educating young people is a key part of their service.

Since the organisation was established in 1977 they have provided support, education and advice to thousands of families. Staff have a wealth of specialist skills, expertise and knowledge in this area.

The Standing committee are also considering another local charity. Information will be issued when it is available

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)

ST ANDREWS CHURCH OVER HUTTON
#TryAlpha Alpha.org

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

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



Worship is a very important part of knowing Jesus. Worshipping together with other people who know and love Jesus helps us to grow in our faith, as we come together to honour and praise Him.

Worship Wordsearch

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WORSHIP

St Bede Vision Statement 2021-2026



Our Vision – Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community

Throughout the years, St Bede's Church is a focal point for our local community here in Morris Green. Many people in our community see St Bede's as their church even if they don't attend on a Sunday. Our central role within our community is further strengthened by our close relationship with St Bedes Academy, the largest primary school in Bolton with 600 pupils and serves as the main school in Morris Green.

Our vision as we look to the future is to be a church community that is centred on Jesus and a church community that lives for Jesus. As we ourselves experience the transforming power of Jesus in our lives; we long to see the transforming power of Jesus transform our local community.

Central to our vision statement is Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesians 3 v 14-21. We believe that "God is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) as we look to the future.

Our Journey So Far...

St Bedes is a medium sized church with 68 members on its electoral roll. We are blessed that our church family has a wide range of ages including a substantial number of children and young people. We are growing in terms of our diversity; with members of our congregation originating from as far away as Pakistan and Africa. St Bede's is located at the heart of the Morris Green community and seen as the community church. Large numbers of our community come through our doors through our links with our church school, St Bede Academy.

Where are we going?

Our desire at St Bedes is to be a **growing** church as we live for Jesus at the heart of our community. We want to be a church which grows up, in and out.

As a church community we want to grow **up** in our own experience and knowledge of God and to encounter the power of Jesus in our own lives.

As a church community we want to grow **in** love for one another and be a church community where we welcome all and support one another as we seek to live for Jesus.

As a church community we want to grow **out** as we seek to live for Jesus. We long to see our wider community transformed by the power of Jesus that is at work in us and to see people come to know and experience Jesus for themselves.

In terms of numerical growth, our goal is in 5 years time; St Bedes will have grown by at least 20%. This means that by 2026 we will have a membership of at least 80 people or more!

How will we get there?

In order to achieve our vision; at St Bede's we have 3 goals: St Bede's wants to be:

A Worshipping Community

A Welcoming Community

A Witnessing Community

A Worshipping Community

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Eph 3:16-17)

If we want to live for Jesus at the heart of our community then worship and prayer is essential as we ourselves continue to encounter Jesus in our own lives and as we seek to follow Christ. It is vital that St Bedes is a place where all can come and worship together and encounter God.

A Welcoming Community

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Eph 3:17-18)

We long to be a community where we are rooted in love and growing in love for one another. As a church we long to be a welcoming and supportive community as we seek to help nurture one another in faith and equip one another to be a disciple and to live for Jesus.

A Witnessing Community

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus" (Eph 3:20-21)

At St Bedes we long for our wider community to be transformed by the power of Jesus that is at work in us. We want to reach out to those beyond our doors, and to help others discover Jesus for themselves. We want to be a growing church for His glory.

Next Steps

How do we make this vision a reality at St Bedes? Come along to our Vision Night on Monday 17th January at 7.30pm at church as we pray and discern where God is leading us.

**"God is able to do
immeasurably more
than all we can ask or imagine
according to his power that is at
work within us"
(Ephesians 3: 20)**

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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