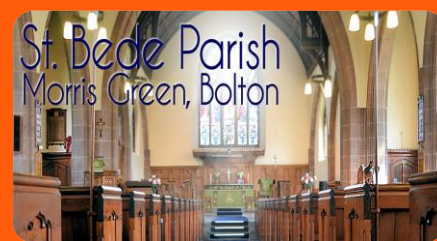


"God is able to do  
immeasurably more  
than all we can ask or imagine  
according to his power that is at  
work within us"  
(Ephesians 3: 20)



**29<sup>th</sup> May  
2022**

Sunday after Ascension Day

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Editorial

### Résurrection Life – Paul and Silas

#### Reading: Acts 16 v 16-34

There have been many attempts to represent the Ascension of Our Lord in artistic form down the centuries. Some of the most comical show the apostles standing on a hillside staring up at a cloud from which a pair of feet can be seen protruding. Artists who have attempted to depict this scene have, of course, made the mistake of trying to give us a visual representation of that which is far beyond our mortal understanding. As we say every Sunday, he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. How can such a thing be represented by our puny human imaginations? Rather than wrestling with a visual image we should be striving to accept the greatness of God's power and Jesus' place in that greatness.

Tony



## This week at St Bede

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

10am All-Age Together for God

This week we are looking at Paul and Silas' miraculous escape from prison.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

12.30pm St Bede's Luncheon Club. To book your place contact Elaine Almond

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

11am Wedding of Adrian Hulmes and Catherine King. Congratulations to Adrian and Catherine on your big day!

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

11.30am Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service

Join us at the later time of 11.30am for our special all-age service to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We welcome staff and pupils from St Bede's Academy who are also joining us.

1pm Jubilee Celebration Party. Celebrate with us on the lawns of St Bedes.

### Please pray...

Jean	Sean
Michael	Jennifer
Doreen	Colin
Minti	Catherine
Ronnie	Natalie
Carys	Sylvia
John	Paul
John	Mary
David & Norma	Ann
Bernard	Yvonne
Lynn	Rob
Will	Family of Jo
Barbara	Dawn
Wendy	Michelle
Lynn	Isabella
Jonathan & family	Barbara
Keith	Sean
Baby Oliver	Lee
Marcus	Stuart & family
	Jackie





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Diocese of Manchester

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### COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father

## News...



Public lectures  
**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
'Faith, personal and public...but never private'.  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm  
'What does it mean to be drawn by hope, not driven by fear?'.  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  
'The transforming power of love in action'.

We are looking forward to welcoming The Right Revd. Chris Edmondson to Bolton Parish Church to give three public lectures focusing on the voice of faith communities in public life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Bishop Chris was Bishop of Bolton 2008 – 2016 and continues to be a well-known and popular public speaker across the country.



Bishop Chris writes:  
'Faith', 'Hope' and 'Love' are described in St Paul's First letter to the Corinthians, found in the New Testament of the Bible, as virtues and values that outlast all others. These are at the heart of the Christian faith, and uniquely modelled by Jesus, but also central to, and lived out in many of the other major religious traditions, including those represented across Bolton.

It feels a great honour and privilege to have been asked to give three lectures as part of the (postponed) celebrations to mark 150 years of the current Bolton Parish Church. Over the course of the three Tuesday evenings, I will be exploring how these virtues and values of faith, hope and love can be lived out individually as well as in and through our faith communities, for the well-being and flourishing of everyone in the town and borough.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Parish Church!  
All best wishes and every blessing.  
+Chris

## ONE WEEK TO GO BEFORE OUR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and volunteered to help with our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations next Sunday.

If you have agreed to help set up; then you need to arrive at church at 8.30am next Sunday!

If you have arranged to bake cakes, please speak to Elaine or Gill Blackburn who will tell you where to leave your donations of cakes.

If you have agreed to help with an attraction; please speak to Vinny after the service next week who will point out where you need to be.

Also please don't forget to invite your family and friends to what will be a fantastic occasion next weekend!



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WESTHOUGHTON**

**Organ Recital**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**3:00pm**

**Platinum Jubilee Programme**

A programme of music to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – includes Walton, Handel, Elgar

Organist Edward McHale

Free admission / Refreshments served

**All Welcome**

## LUNCHEON CLUB

A reminder that luncheon club will take place on Wednesday 1st June, 12pm for 12.30pm start.

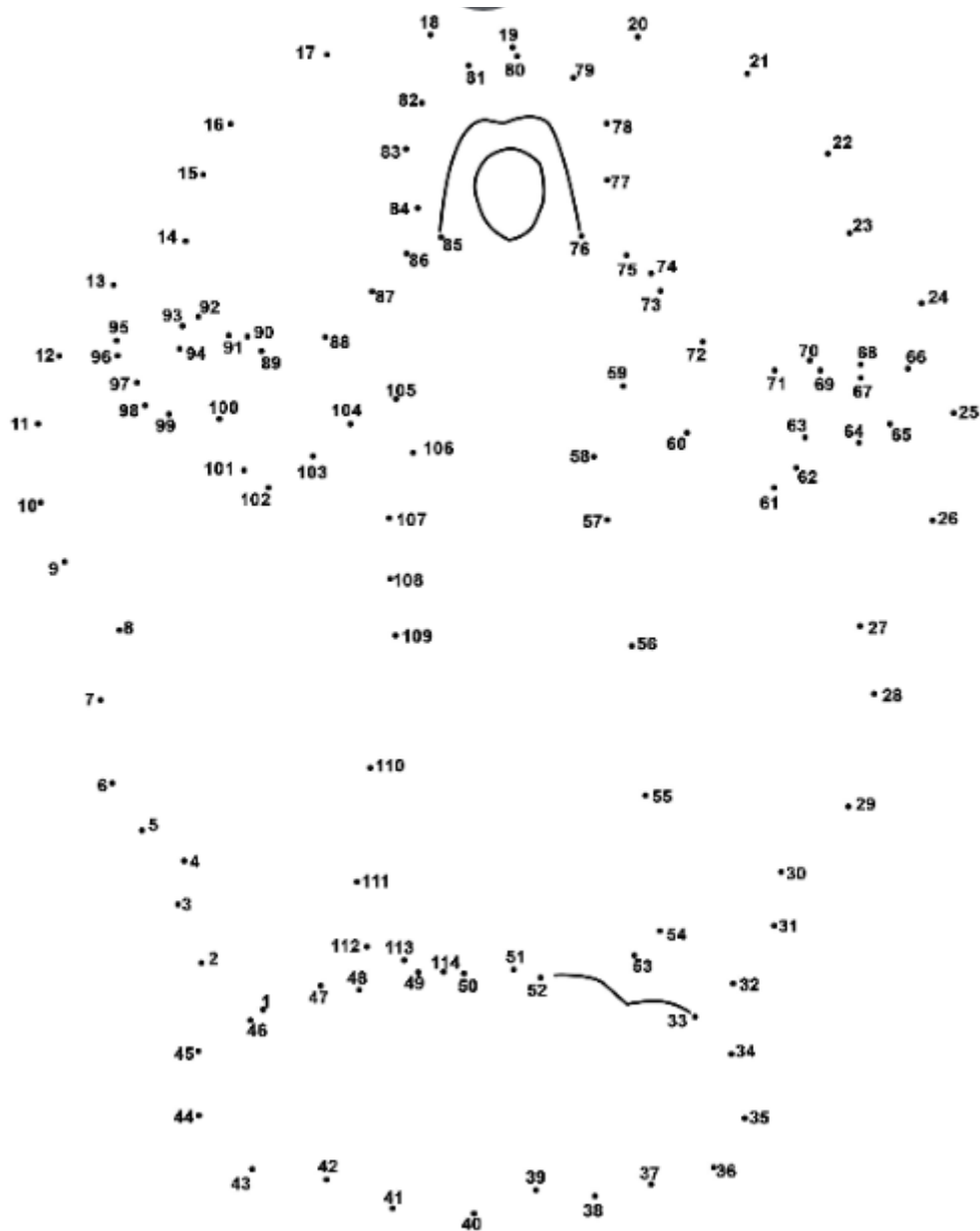
Anyone who has not booked but would like to join us please speak to Elaine after today's service.

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

## Ascension Dot to Dot Sheet



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## Summer Fayre 2022

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This year's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We are looking for volunteers for the following stalls/events;

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☀️ 'Anything' Tombola | ☀️ Ice Cream Van                |
| ☀️ Sweet Stall        | ☀️ Face Painting                |
| ☀️ Café               | ☀️ Dog Show                     |
| ☀️ Plants             | ☀️ Games                        |
| ☀️ Raffle             | ☀️ Guess the name of the Teddy! |

We would welcome donations for these stalls too please!

Please see Gill Blackburn for more information and to volunteer for a stall – WE NEED HELP!





## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Sunday 5th June St Bede's Church

You are invited to join us at St Bede's Church for our free community celebrations as we together as a community here in Morris Green celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. We hope you will be able to come and join in with the fun. Here are details of our exciting programme for the day!

### Programme

#### 11.30am All-Age Celebration Service

In the morning we are holding a special service to give thanks for the Queen's service as Queen which we would love you to join us for. Staff and students from St Bede's Academy will be joining us and the service will be suitable for young and old alike.

#### 1pm Queen's Jubilee Celebration Party

In the afternoon, why not bring some sandwiches and picnic blanket and join in with our free community celebration party.

(We do ask that you do not bring alcohol onto the grounds)

Attractions include: Cream Tea Café serving cakes and teas/coffees, Jubilee themed Quiz and Family Jubilee Treasure Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Beat the Goalie and games. There will also be Jubilee Craft Activities where we are inviting children to make your own crown and take part in our grand 'Crown Parade' in our finale and awarding a prize to the winner.

#### 2pm The Great Morris Green Jubilee Bake-Off

As part of our celebrations we are hosting the Great Morris Green Jubilee Bake-Off. Can you bake a Jubilee themed cake and bring it along to enter our bake-off competition? We have 2 competitions; one for under 18's and one for adults. The judging will take place at 2pm and we will be awarding prizes to the winners.

#### 2.50pm Queen's Jubilee Celebration Grand Finale

Our celebrations conclude with a grand finale; including the Crown Parade and awarding prizes to the winners of the quiz and treasure hunt with the event concluding at 3pm.

We hope you will be able to join us for what will be a fantastic event.

If you have any questions or want to know more then please do get in touch either by e-mailing [info@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:info@st-bede.org.uk) or by phoning (01204) 658921.



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***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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