

21st January 2024



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Editorial

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 vs 21-31

World Religion Day

World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. In 2024, that falls on the 21st of January. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The first such day was observed in 1950.

It was initially started by followers of the Bahá'í faith, which says that all religions have common features, and that they should be respected equally. They believe there is one God who is known by different names in all religions. Followers of the Bahá'í faith believe that all humans are born equal, and that we all have the same rights regardless of our faith.

World Religion Day aims to promote the unity of religious peoples so that we can overcome historical differences. For centuries, different religions and faiths have fought each other, and ignored their common values. The purpose of World Religion Day is to work towards a peaceful understanding between faiths.

Tony Whitehead – Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)



Please Pray for...

Family of Doreen R
Minti R
David & Norma V
Barbara S
Brenda & Ken
Betty
Lee A
Stuart & family
Jackie
Isaac
Jodie
Anne H
Baby Teddy
Ruby & family
Ross
Abigail
Caitlin
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Dean
Enid
Norman M



Remember, this list is for those who need our prayers, not just the sick or bereaved.

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 21st January

10am Morning Service

We continue our sermon series reflecting on our church vision as we reflect on how we all have a part to play as we seek to be the body of Christ at St Bede. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' also meets this week.

Wednesday 24th January

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our all-age midweek service continues this week with our new series on 'the Lord's Prayer' as we explore the line 'Hallowed be your Name'.

All are welcome to join us.

Friday 19th January

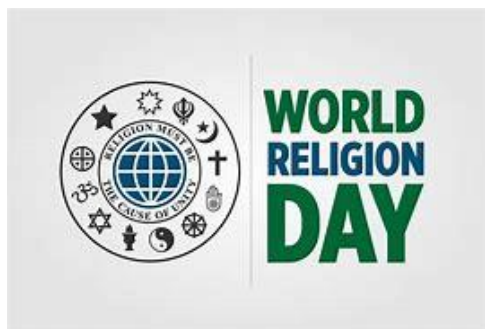
2.30pm St Bede Collective Worship

Our church school are meeting in church for their collective worship.

Sunday 28th January

10am Baptism

Today we welcome the family and friends of Jacob Duckers who is being baptised today at our all-age service as we reflect on our text verse and theme of love.





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

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

TEXT VERSE OF THE YEAR

This year we have a new text verse for the year from 1 Corinthians 13 v 13 to lead us as we seek to 'Live for Jesus at the Heart of our Community'.

Do pick up your free text verse card from the back of church today and put it up in your home to inspire and encourage you in 2024.



ST BEDE CHARITY PARTNER 2024

Our PCC on Monday agreed to nominate Streetlife as our Charity Partner of the Year for 2024. Streetlife is an Urban Outreach Project supporting those who are living on the streets and aims to get rid of homelessness in Bolton and ensure everyone has a home to live.

Later on this year there will be a special service where we can hear more about our Charity Partner.



PRAYER LIST

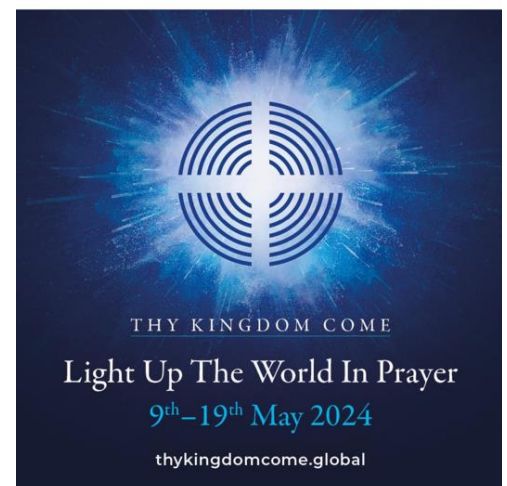
Please can you all check the names on the Prayer List to ensure it is up to date and let me know any changes.

Tony

Will you light up the world in prayer, this Ascension to Pentecost, so that more people will come to know God's love?

Save the dates for this year's Thy Kingdom Come which will take place from 9th-19th May!

More information to follow soon.



The Bolton 'Winter' Community Walks 2024



Aimed at over 55s, but all ages are welcome on a series of 4 'Winter' Community Walks in January and February where we'll explore some of the fascinating historical places, buildings and stories in and around the Bolton area + a 'social action' event in March.

Thursday 11th January, 2pm

Rivington Reservoir – Great Hall Barn to Liverpool Castle
(Meet at the Information Centre next to Great Hall Barn, Rivington Lane, Rivington nr Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7SB from 1.45pm)

Thursday 18th January, 2pm

Queen's Park to Heaton Fold Garden Centre via the Middlebrook Trail
(Meet at Queen's Park Cafe, Queen's Park, Park Rd, Bolton, BL1 4RU from 1.45pm)

Thursday 15th February, 2pm

Moss Bank Park Area
(Meet at the Moss Bank Park Cafe, Moss Lane, Bolton, BL1 6LY from 1-45pm)

Thursday 29th February, 2pm

Jumbles Reservoir
(Meet at Jumbles Country Park Cafe, off Bradshaw Rd, Bolton, BL1 4JS from 1.45pm)

Thursday 7th March, 2pm

Social Action Event at Walker Fold: Rhododendron removal and tidying 'tree compartments' with the Woodlands Trust.
(Meet at Walker Fold Car Park, Walker Fold Rd, Smithills, Bolton, BL1 7PT from 1.45pm)

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 2-3 miles (an hour to an hour and a half in total). If you would like to participate in any of the walks please contact Keith Armstrong on tcc@bolton-zim.org.uk or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk.





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Greetings for 2024 from Vinny, the Wardens
and the Ministry Team at St Bede's



WOW
Worship On Wednesday



Join us for fun, food, songs, games,
and activities as we explore faith and life together.

**We meet every Wednesday
6.15pm-7pm
St Bede Church Community Room**





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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