

25th February 2024



**“And now these three remain;
Faith, Hope and Love.
But the greatest of these is Love”**
(1 Corinthians 13: 13)



Editorial

2nd Sunday of Lent

Reading: Matthew 4 v 1-11

This Sunday we are continuing to look at the Lenten Course based on the book “From Wilderness to Glory”. This is a time when we remember that Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days having been baptised by John and leads up to the Passion of Jesus Christ and Easter. The reading today is about the meeting between Bartimaeus and Jesus. The theme being that Bartimaeus had faith to ask Jesus to cure him even though he had not previously met Jesus he had only heard about him. He had faith in this man from Nazareth who had been preaching, carry out miracles which included healing people of their illnesses and their sins and wanted Jesus to cure him of his blindness. We are looking at others who also had the faith to ask Jesus to heal them. We are asked to look at our own faith. Such a small word but it can be huge as you live your life for Jesus. Generally, when you start living your life for Jesus you will have a faith but in your journey you will, I believe, grow in that faith. This is what Jesus wants for each one of us, an increase in our faith, when we give our lives to him.

Gill Blackburn -

ALM and Church Warden



Please Pray for...

Family of Doreen R
Family of Enid B
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
Norman M
Freda
Rebecca W



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 25th February

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our Lent Series This week we are exploring Jesus amongst the crowds.

Wednesday 28th February

7.30pm From Wilderness to Glory Lent Course

Our Joint Lent Course with St Andrews continues this week at St Andrews Church. Join us for this 5-week course as we reflect on Jesus' journey from the wilderness to his glorious resurrection.

Friday 1st March

2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church.

Sunday 3rd March

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our Lent series reflecting on Jesus in Prayer.





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus 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

'FROM WILDERNESS TO GLORY' LENT COURSE 2024

Our Lent Course this year is 'From Wilderness to Glory' and continues this week on Wednesday, 7.30pm-9pm at St Andrews Church.

All are welcome to come along and join us for any of the sessions.



WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Just a reminder that our midweek WOW service returns after the half term break this week.

ST BEDE ACADEMY I-SING-POP PROJECT

Please pray for our church school St Bede Academy this week as the I-sing-Pop Project begins.

From Tuesday - Thursday the I-sing-Pop team will be in school teaching the children new songs with a Christian message.

The children will be performing the songs at 2 concerts to be held at St Bede's Church on Thursday 7th March.



FILM BOX LENT COLLECTION

As usual during Lent, we are asking you to take an empty film box and fill this up with £1 coins during the season of Lent and return it just after Easter. Please see Freda or Elaine for further details.

2024 EASTER EGG BINGO

This year's Easter Egg Bingo will be held on **Friday 22nd March 2024** and we will need help to start collecting small, medium and large Easter Eggs to donate for the bingo. We need your help to make this event a success. Tickets are now available – see Jean.

ST BEDE 'BAKE OFF'

A fabulous effort for the St Bede Bake Off last Sunday. An amazing array of cakes that were auctioned off. Thank you to our very talented bakers and very generous bidders! We hope you enjoyed the cakes! We raised an amazing £166!

A huge well done to Church Warden Jean whose chocolate extravaganza was judged the best !



PIC-COLLAGE



In May this year, St Bede's - along with the 13 other churches in the Bolton West Mission Community - are hosting a month of invitational events as we seek to share the good news of Jesus to our wider communities.

At St Bede's the hope is to run an event at church during May where we can invite our wider community to come and join us. If you have any ideas of what we can do; or you'd like to get involved then please speak to Vinny.

As you can see below; there are events where we as a whole Mission Community can come together as we prepare for the mission. Please do try and come to some of these events - especially the launch service on the 29th April.

What should we be doing now?

- 1. Get praying.** Without prayer, it will all just be so much activity.
- 2. Get talking and planning.** As appropriate, how could your existing church group be more invitational? Could you and a few friends from church organise a one-off invitation event?

Dates for the diary

Lost for words training. Saturday 23rd March

Deane Church Centre. 10am-12noon. This training morning will help us to have confidence to share the basics of our Christian faith with non-Christian friends in a friendly and natural way. You will need to book in for this event since places are limited: www.deanechurch.org/connect-24

Prayer gatherings. 13th, 19th March and 8th April

Three half-hours of prayer for the mission. Zoom details here: www.deanechurch.org/connect-24

Launch service with Bishop Matthew. Monday 29th April

7.30pm at St Catherine's Church, Richmond Street, Horwich. BL6 5QT.

Follow up. Wednesday 5th June onwards

An ALPHA course, beginning Wednesday evening, 5th June. Venue TBC. Publicity will be available nearer the time.

Canon Terry Clark - connectbwmc@gmail.com



Easter BINGO

Friday 22nd March 2024

Venue: St Bede Primary Academy School Hall

Time: 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm

Tickets Only available in person at Church, DM us on our
Facebook page or email
fundraising@st-bede.org.uk


Tickets: £6 Adult, £3 Child, Family Ticket £15 (2 adults 2
children)

Entry and 6 games of Bingo



*Cold Soft Drinks will be available to
purchase or bring your own*





From Wilderness to Glory **St Andrew's and St Bede's** **Lent Course 2024**

Join us as we journey with Jesus during Lent on a devotional journey from the wilderness to the glory of the Resurrection.

We will be meeting on the following Wednesday evenings during Lent, 7.30pm-9pm at St Andrews

21st February - Jesus among the Crowds

28th February - Jesus on Prayer

6th March - Jesus among Friends

13th March - Jesus among Enemies

20th March - Jesus in the City

Our Lent Course is based on the book by Tom Wright
'From Wilderness to Glory'

If you want to come along please sign up at the back of church.



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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