

24th March 2024



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



Editorial

Palm Sunday

Luke 19 vs 28-40

The people of Jerusalem saw Jesus as an earthly king who would defeat the oppressive Roman Empire. Their vision of him was limited by their own finite and worldly needs. They failed to understand that Jesus had come to triumph over a much greater enemy than Rome—an enemy whose defeat would have an impact far beyond the boundaries of this life.

Jesus came to overthrow the enemy of our souls—Satan. He came to defeat the power of sin and death. Jesus came not as a political conqueror, but as the Messiah-King, Saviour of souls, and giver of eternal life.

When he told the disciples to get the donkey, Jesus referred to himself as 'The Lord,' a definite proclamation of his divinity.

By riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, Jesus fulfilled an ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (ESV) This was the only instance in the four Gospel books in which Jesus rode an animal. By riding a donkey, Jesus illustrated the kind of Messiah he was—not a political hero but a gentle, humble servant.

Throwing cloaks in the path of someone was an act of homage and submission and, along with the throwing of palm branches, served as a recognition of royalty. The people recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah.

The people's cries of 'Hosanna' came from Psalm 118:25-26. Hosanna means "save now." Despite what Jesus had foretold about his mission, the people were looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and restore Israel's independence.

Who is Jesus for you? Is he merely someone to satisfy your selfish wants and goals, or is he your Lord and Master who gave up his life for your sins?

Tony Whitehead – Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)



Please Pray for...

Minti R
David & Norma V
Barbara S
Brenda & Ken
Betty
Lee A
Stuart & family
Jackie
Isaac
Jodie
Anne H
Ross
Abigail
Caitlin
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Dean
Norman M
Freda
Rebecca W
Samantha W



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)

10am Baptism

Join us as we mark Palm Sunday with a special service of baptism where we welcome Harrison Massey who is being baptised today.

Wednesday 27th March

9.15am, 11am and 2pm St Bede Academy Easter Services

We look forward to welcoming pupils, staff and parents from St Bede Academy as they hold their Easter services in church.

6.15pm Worship on Wednesday Easter Special

Join us for our WOW Easter Special this evening in the community room.

Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

7pm Maundy Thursday Meal (at St Andrews)

Our Maundy Thursday Meal takes place at St Andrews which will be followed by a short reflective Communion service.

Please see Kathleen Carrodus to book your place by Sunday 24th March.

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

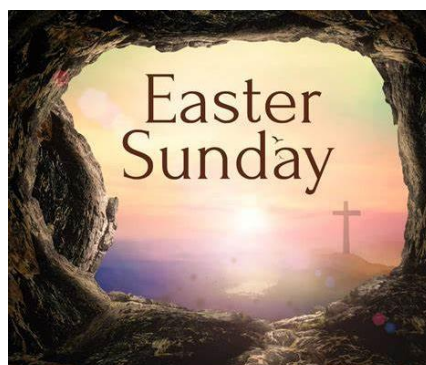
10am Good Friday All-Age Service

Please join us for our Good Friday all-age service in church followed by tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday)

10am All-Age Easter Celebration with Communion

Celebrate Easter with us at St Bede as we join together for our all-age Easter celebration. Don't forget to join in with the Easter Egg Hunt too!





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to now you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

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 –

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or visit our website
www.st-bede.org.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL 2024

The revision of the Church Electoral Roll will begin on Sunday 17th March and end on Sunday 31st March. Anyone who is not on the current electoral roll can apply for enrolment by completing an application form which can be found at the back of church. If there are any entries on the current roll that need to be amended then please let Elaine know.

APCM 2024

Our APCM which looks back at the activities of the church during 2023 will take place on 21st April during our Morning Service. As part of the APCM process we are holding elections for PCC members, Church Wardens and Sidespeople. Nomination forms for all these roles will be available from **Sunday 24th March** at the back of church. Please do consider how best you can help the work of our church.

If you feel this is a role that God may be leading you to take on then please do consider standing. If you want further information about what these roles entail then please speak to Vinny.

If you have any questions about the electoral roll or the APCM then please speak to Vinny, Elaine or one of the Church Wardens

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

This year we are joining with our friends from St Andrews for our Maundy Thursday meal on **Thursday 28th March at 7pm** at St Andrews followed by a short reflective Communion Service.

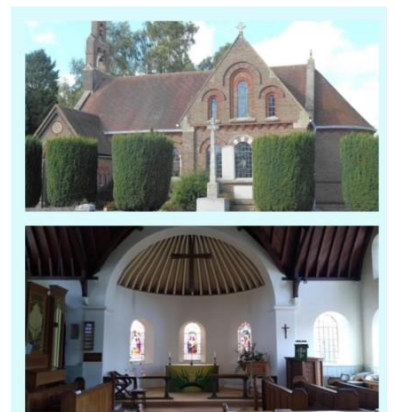
The meal is Meat and Potato Pie / Vegetarian Option and is £4.20 per person. Booking is essential. To book your place please see Kathleen Carrodus.

UPDATE ON REV BEN BRADY

It was announced last week that Ben has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Berkhamsted Team Ministry with special responsibility for Holy Trinity, Potten End, in the Diocese of St Albans.

Ben said, "I now look forward to moving on to see what God has in store in Hertfordshire. For all that has been, thank you. For all that will be, yes!!"

Please join me in congratulating Ben on his appointment and pray for his continuing mission!





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.

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Blackrod, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton,
Wingates Team Ministry



Horwich and Rivington Team



St Andrew's Church
St Bede's Church
St Catherine's Church
St James' Church
St John's Church
St Mary's Church
St Michael's Church
St Peter's Church
St Thomas' Church
St Vincent's Church



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May - June 2024



HE IS *He is not here*

RISEN

Celebrate Easter at St Bede's

28th March - Maundy Thursday

7pm Maundy Thursday Supper and Reflective Service

(at St Andrew's Over Hulton)

Join us as we share fellowship with a meal and reflect on Jesus' Last Supper with his friends. The meal costs £4.20 (Meat and Potato Pie or Vegetarian option).

Please sign up at the back of church before Palm Sunday.

29th March - Good Friday

10am All-Age Good Friday Service

Join us as we remember what Jesus did for us on the cross through our interactive service and join us for Hot Cross Buns afterwards.

31st March - Easter Sunday

10am Easter Sunday Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate that Jesus is Risen by joining us for our all-age Easter Sunday Celebration Service. Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds of the church.



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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