

31st March 2024



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



He is RISEN

Editorial

Easter Sunday

Mark 16 vs 1-8

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Christ has died. Beaten broken bleeding from wounds inflicted by the Roman soldiers crucified naked. A terrible death of public humiliation between two criminals on a cross the cross member of which he had been forced to drag to the site.

The statement king of the Jews over His head.

Mocked that if He was the King He could save Himself.

Yet in the midst of His own agony He took time to comfort one of the other criminals and told him today you will be with me in paradise. The assurance that the criminal would be with Jesus for eternity was the ultimate forgiveness he needed to hear. Christ also took time to ask John to look after His mother after His death.

Christ is risen

The resurrection of Christ has always been questioned. Many years ago, a Bishop of Durham Rt Rev David Jenkins was misquoted as saying the resurrection was a conjuring trick with bones. The media as often happens distorted what he had said at least it meant some people discussed the resurrection. As surely as He died Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. He appeared firstly to Mary Magdalene. She at first mistook Him for the gardener. After realising He was her teacher and her Lord Christ instructed her to go and tell the other disciples hiding behind closed doors. Christ was alive this was the truth.

Christ will come again.

We are assured that Christ will return to this earth to judge the living and the dead. This is the final part of our creed our tenet of belief. When Jesus rose from the dead, He later ascended to heaven to be with God. His earthly work was completed, and the Holy Spirit would come to enable believers to go into all the ends of the earth to speak of the good news of the Gospel.

This Easter we celebrate Jesus as our risen Lord we need to ask ourselves if we are ready for Christs return. If we are not ready, we need to prayerfully ask for Gods guidance that we will be made ready to meet our risen Saviour either on this earth or in heaven and until then serve and worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

A blessed Easter to you all

Pat Bristow - Reader Emeritus



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
Family of Jean H



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday)

10am All-Age Easter Celebration with Communion

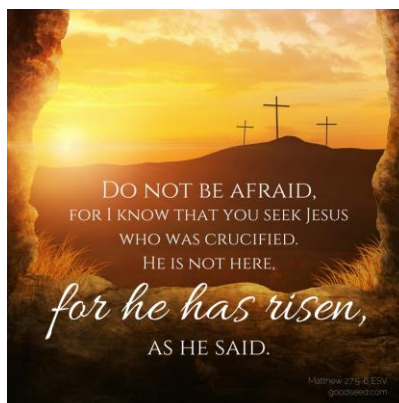
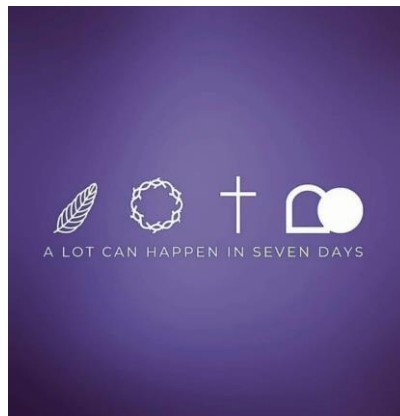
Celebrate Easter with us at St Bede as we join together for our all-age Easter celebration. Don't forget to join in with the Easter Egg Hunt too!

Due to the Easter Holidays many of our regular activities are taking a break this week.

Sunday 7th April

10am Family Communion

Join us as we continue this Easter season as we reflect on how Thomas recognised the Risen Jesus as our Glorious Lord





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WARDENS, PCC MEMBERS AND SIDESPEOPLE

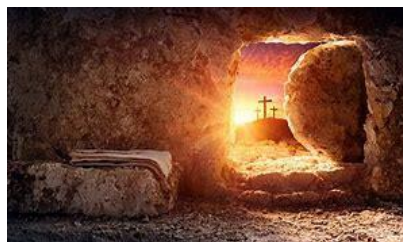
In preparation for our Annual Meeting on **Sunday 21st April**, 10am at St Bede's, nominations are still open to elect or re-elect wardens, PCC members and sidespeople to serve for the coming year.

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.

FUNERAL OF JEAN HARRIS

Many of you will know and remember Jean Harris (Elaine's Mum) who sadly died a few weeks ago. Jean was an original member of our Luncheon Club and a great supporter of St Bede's over the years.

Jean's funeral is taking place on **Tuesday 9th April** at 1.45pm here at St Bede's Church. Please do keep Elaine and David, and all Jean's family in your prayers.



FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS – 2024

The Fundraising & Social Committee have been working hard to organise events for 2024. Some details are still yet to be finalised, but here is a schedule of what's planned;

- ✓ **St Bede Celebration & Mission Quiz** – including Supper – Friday 17th May
- ✓ **Community BBQ** – TBC
- ✓ **Family Prize Race Night** – Friday 14th June
- ✓ **Strawberry Tea with crafts & outdoor games** – Saturday 6th July
- ✓ **Harvest Supper Quiz** – Friday 4th October
- ✓ **AVON evening** – including cheese & wine – Thursday 24th October
- ✓ **Christmas Fayre** – TBC

Posters and further details will be available soon.

All are welcome to our committee meetings and all ideas received.





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



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.



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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