

14<sup>th</sup> April 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Luke 24 vs 36-48**

*'Look at my hands and feet. It is I myself' (Luke 24: 39)*

One of the fascinating aspects of the Easter narratives is how Jesus' friends and followers struggle to recognise the Risen Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, both Cleopas and his companion and the disciples in our reading this morning at first struggle to recognise Jesus.

In the excitement of Easter, we forget that the Bible makes it very clear that Jesus' appearance has changed since his resurrection. Jesus could appear and disappear.

suddenly, yet was not a ghost because he could eat and drink and of course at the end Jesus ascends to heaven. Jesus' resurrection body was a new body - his earthly body had gone a new life had begun.

As Christians we sometimes talk about our hope in Christ in vague terms. We speak vaguely about eternal life and often come out with well-rehearsed platitudes when a loved one has died such as 'they've gone to a better place'.

Yet the Resurrection gives us certainty about our specific hope in Christ. The Resurrection gives us hope that when we die; we too will have new bodies (see 1 Corinthians 15) that will no longer be subject to pain, decay and death. Our bodies will be different; but that is because in Christ we are made a new creation. As St Paul declares 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!' (2 Corinthians 5: 17).

In this Easter season, let's look forward with confidence to the certain hope that we have in the Risen Christ

Rev Vinny



### 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  
Family of Abigail C



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

# This Week at St Bede

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

## **10am Family Communion**

Worship with us in this Easter season as we reflect on Jesus our Glorious Shepherd. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' is meeting this week.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

## **6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)**

Our midweek all-age service WOW returns this week after the Easter break. Please do join us.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## **2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship**

Taking place in church

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

## **10am APCM**

Our church Annual Meeting takes place during our 10am service this week. This is an important service where we not only give thanks to God for all that He has done here at St Bede over the past 12 months but where we look forward to where God is leading us.

We'll also be appointing church officers to serve for the coming year and commissioning them for their roles.

Please do join us for this service.





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

## St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



### COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

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](http://www.st-bede.org.uk)

### APCM 2024

Next Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> April) is our Annual Church Meeting (APCM) here at St Bedes. It is a special service where we celebrate all that God has done here over the past 12 months and where we seek God's guidance as we look ahead to the future.

Our **Annual Report 2023** is now available for you to read [here](#).

Please do take a copy at the back of church or read it online before the APCM. There is lots to celebrate and reflect on in the report. There will be opportunity if you have any questions about the Annual Report to raise them at the APCM.

**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.

### FILM FILL BOXES

Please can we ask that any film boxes you have that you have been filling are returned to church ASAP please? Please pass to Freda or Elaine!

### A YOUNG FUNDRAISER!

As you know, Millie Brooks has been designing and making Easter cards and pictures over the last few weeks. Millie has raised an amazing £106 for Church funds! Well done Millie and THANK YOU!

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

Posters and further details will be available soon.

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

### SOME SAD NEWS

It is with sorrow that Abigail Clegg, who worshipped here at St Bede some years ago, died this week in Bolton Hospice after a lifelong illness aged 37 years old. May she rest in peace and rise in glory †

Please remember her family in your prayers. The funeral will be at Overdale Crematorium on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon.



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:connectbwmc@gmail.com)



# LUNCHEON CLUB

**MAY 1ST 2024**

**Why don't you introduce a friend to our  
Monthly luncheon club**

**For May only**

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**

**St Bedes Church Community Room 12pm for a 2 course meal**

**£6.50**

**Booking Essential**

**For further information or to book a meal contact  
email: [churchoffice@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@st-bede.org.uk)**

**Elaine and Dave Tel: 01942 793122**

# 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**





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*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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