

28th 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

5th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 1 vs 9-20

John, the writer of Revelation, was exiled to the penal colony on the island of Patmos. This prison island was used for political prisoners. John explains his exile as a political opposition to the reign of Rome. He states that he is in prison because of God's word and his testimony about Jesus. Jesus is showing John "a new hope" which Jesus intends to use to help church succeed. John shows us a trio of opportunities:

1. Tribulation
2. Kingdom
3. Endurance

John is a partner in this trio of opportunities: tribulation, kingdom, and endurance – all found in Jesus Christ.

He was exiled on the island of Patmos because of God's word and his testimony about Jesus Christ. This is the same weapons used against the **Antichrist** (Revelation 12:10-11):

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah have now come, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown out: the one who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their lives in the face of death." (Revelation 12:10-11, HCSB)

John was brought into a spiritual vision by the Holy Spirit. He heard a voice, and the voice told him to write what he saw to the seven churches. John turned to see who spoke to him. He saw seven gold lampstands, and then a person like the "Son of Man." In this vision, John sees Jesus in a certain way. He sees Jesus differently than he has even seen him before.

John heard a voice from behind. It was like a trumpet, which is similar to the description of God's voice in Exodus 20 when He gives out the Ten Commandments from the mountain. This voice reminds us of the power and majesty of God. Just as these Ten Commandments were given to help the people live as they entered the Promised Land, this vision and what follows is given to help encourage the Christians to live today.

Tony Whitehead - Licenced 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
Caitlin
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Dean
Norman M
Freda
Rebecca W
Samantha W
Jacqui
Kathleen



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 28th April

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we reflect on the Glorious Hope that we have in Jesus.

Monday 29th April

7.30pm Mission Community Connect Launch Service

Our Mission Community Connect Mission begins this week with a launch service at St Catherine's Horwich with Bishop Matthew. All are welcome to come and join together as we worship and pray together as a Mission Community.

Wednesday 1st May

12pm St Bede Luncheon Club

It's not too late to join us for our special St Bede Luncheon Club - our first Connect Mission event with a Buy One Get One Free deal on tickets. To buy your tickets see Elaine / David Almond.

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our midweek all-age service WOW continues this week as we look at the Fruit of the Spirit and in particular Joy.

Thursday 2nd May

NB: The Community Room will be used as a Polling Station all day today.

Prayer at 7 will now be moved to next week.

Friday 3rd May

2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church

Sunday 28th April

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age Family Communion Service in church.



St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those who serve, 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 –

David.almond3@ntlworld.com . visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR code below



APCM UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Annual Meeting last Sunday as we celebrated what God has done here at St Bede's over the past 12 months and as we looked ahead to the coming year.

As part of the Annual Meeting we elected the following officers to serve for the coming year

Church Wardens:

Gill Blackburn

Jean Philips

PCC Members:

Simon Brooks

Carol Hardman

Stephanie Williams

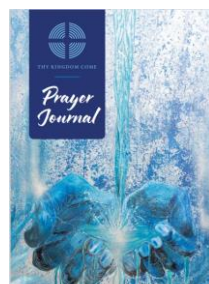
Many thanks to our new wardens, PCC members and sidespeople who have committed to serve St Bede's Church in these roles

PRAYER AT 7 - ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 9th May

Our monthly Prayer at 7 meeting has been moved to Thursday 9th May where we will have a special time of prayer to mark Ascension Day and as we join with churches across the world as part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Movement.

Please do come along next week and join us as we pray for ourselves, our church, and our world.



DONATIONS REQUIRED!

As in previous years in order for our fundraising and social events to be successful, we need help! If you have any unwanted and unused gifts lying around your home, we would be grateful if you could bring them to church.

We will also be running our Christmas Campaign again this year (it's never too early to start preparing for Christmas!!!)

THANK YOU!

This year's film fill boxes made an amazing £220!! Well done and thank you!



Artwork on this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' literature is by Chris Duffett, a Baptist Minister, an old friend of Tony & Gill Whitehead. Visit his website here –

[Chris Duffett Art](#)





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

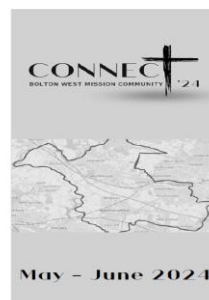
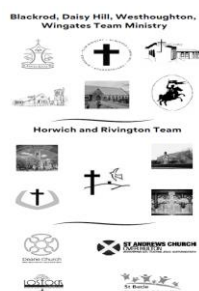
Launch service with Bishop Matthew. Monday 29th April

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



Celebration WEEKEND

To celebrate St Bede's Day this year we have a fun packed weekend in store - everyone welcome!

Friday 17th May

Join us from 6:30pm at St Bede Academy Hall, quiz starts at 7pm (teams of no more than 6)

Tickets priced at £6 for adults, £3 for children and family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) for £15 and includes:

Pasty & Peas Supper, Prizes and a chance to win in our fabulous raffle

The event will be like our usual popular quiz night but better!

Tickets available from St Bede Church, by contacting us on Facebook or by emailing fundraising@st-bede.org.uk

Sunday 19th May

Celebrations will continue into the weekend as we host a community BBQ in the church grounds after our usual 10am Sunday service. No need to book a place, just turn up, everyone welcome.

We do hope that you can join us in celebrating this special occasion by joining us at one (or both!) of our events. Your support and fellowship is very much appreciated.



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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