

12th May 2024



Editorial

Sunday after Ascension Day

John 17 vs 6-19

We are reaching the end of the Easter season and looking at how Jesus prayed for His disciples. This year there is a global initiative for prayer Thy Kingdom come. This is timed for between Ascension Day last Thursday and Pentecost Sunday next week.

The reading is an example of Jesus care for His followers. In the midst of His busy life, they were not forgotten. After teaching them, caring for them, and instructing them to go out into the world to share the good news of the Gospel His time on earth would be over. In a short time, Jesus would be ascending to His Father and not seeing them face to face. We are asked to consider how we can pray for our world today. It was a fact that the last time this nation turned collectively to God was during the Second World War. We need to follow this example as we face the coming struggles of this world. To pray for individuals, we need to be willing to accept them where they are to see them through Gods eyes not our own. Sometimes the world seems enormous and the problems insurmountable but that is our human perception not Gods view.

It would be good this coming week to ask God to show each one of us five people to pray for. We do not need to know all the details of their lives GOD does. All we need to do is to ask that God will be with them in their needs and that they will be aware of His love in a new and encompassing way. The rest is up to God. We may or may not hear the result of our prayers until heaven. Prayer takes time, effort, and perseverance. Many years ago, a group of Christians prayed for Malcolm and myself before we were even aware of their existence. The results of those prayers have been a blessing to us and others for 50 years. I use that as an example that we are instructed in Matthew 18 verse 20 Jesus tells His disciples where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Our monthly church prayer meetings are a source of encouragement to many as we see the visible results of prayer. It would be good to have others to add to our number. As we continue to offer our prayers to God let us remember to give thanks with a grateful heart to the one who gave us Jesus Christ our Lord for our salvation.

Pat Bristow – Reader Emeritus



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



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 12th May

10am Holy Communion

Join us in this season of 'Thy Kingdom Come' as we reflect on the theme of prayer Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week

Monday 13th May

7.30om PCC Meeting

Meeting in the Community Room

Wednesday 8th May

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our midweek all-age service WOW continues this week as we look at the Fruit of the Spirit. This week our theme is 'Patience'

Friday 17th May

2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church

7pm Celebration Weekend Family Quiz

Our Connect Mission Celebration Weekend begins with a Family Quiz at St Bede Academy Hall. Don't forget to invite family and friends to join us.

Sunday 19th May

10am Pentecost Praise Celebration Service with Baptism

Our Connect Mission Celebration Weekend continues with a Pentecost Praise Celebration Service. We're also delighted to welcome the family and friends of Jayon Wilkinson and Augustine who are being baptised.

this morning.

Following the celebration service; don't forget to join us for a celebration BBQ outside on the lawns where we will also have a free bouncy castle.



St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Risen ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know 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 –

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



THY KINGDOM COME 2024!

We are now in the time of Thy Kingdom Come - a 10 day prayer movement between Ascension Day and Pentecost where Christians throughout the world come together to pray for our world and in particular for more people to come to know Jesus.

At St Bede's there are lots of opportunities to pray during this time.

There are still some free **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Diaries** available for you to take away at the back of church this Sunday. The prayer diaries have a prayer reflection for each day of 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

This week on **Sunday 12th May** there is a special themed service all about prayer.

Finally - why not try this: write down the names of **5 people** who you want to come to know Jesus and pray for them every day during Thy Kingdom Come? Then invite them to our Celebration Weekend and Pentecost Praise Celebration Service.



CONNECT MISSION: CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Pentecost Praise Celebration Service

As part of our Mission Community Connect Mission - we are holding a Celebration Weekend including a **Family Quiz** on **Friday 17th May** at St Bede Academy and on **Sunday 19th May** we are holding a **Pentecost Praise Celebration Service** at 10am!

Please can we encourage you to come along and invite family and friends to a very special service as we praise God together. Following the service; there will be a BBQ on the church lawn and a free bouncy castle.

How can you help?

Firstly - please use these events as a way of inviting family and friends to come along to St Bedes. There are invitation cards at the back of church for our Pentecost Praise Celebration Service this weekend for you to use.

Secondly - we need donations of cakes (preferably homemade) that will be served on Sunday 19th May. If you can help please sign up at the back of church.





We would love to invite you to our...

Pentecost Praise Celebration Service
Sunday 19th May, 10am at St Bede's Church
as part of our Celebration Weekend

Come and hear what God has done for you as we worship and praise God together. Then after the service join us for a party as we share a BBQ together and there will be a free bouncy castle. No need to book - just come along and feel free to invite family and friends!





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.





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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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