

23rd June 2024



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



Editorial

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Matthew 5 v 13-16

In June we have started a new sermon series exploring different biblical metaphors used to describe the church in today’s world. This week we are challenged to shine in the world as followers of Jesus.

In Jesus sermon on the mount in St Matthews Gospel He speaks of the Beatitudes or as some call them the beautiful attitudes. He emphasises how we can find peace and contentment in our present time instead of constantly striving for more. Jesus then goes on to tell His followers to be as salt and light in the world. Unlike today salt was an expensive commodity for example in the 6 th century salt had the same value as gold . Using salt with a meal was a sign of friendship and sometimes it was used as a binding spiritual covenant between people.

Salt has the power to transform food but as we know when salt has lost its taste it is useless.

Light is a wonderful transforming source in darkness but if it is hidden under something it is of no use. As Christians we are to bring the light of Gods justice into a needy world.

We are challenged as Christians the body of Christ which is the church to let our light shine before others so that our wider community may see God at work in this present day. We need to be a positive influence in a sometimes negative world, we need to show Gods love and compassion to those we meet , in other words to make a difference in our small corner .

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
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Dean
Norma M
Freda
Rebecca W
Samantha W
Jacqui
Kathleen
Sweetline & Matthew
Emma H
Malcolm



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 23rd June

10am Baptism Service

Worship with us for our all-age service as we continue our series about the Church and how we as the church are called to shine in the world. We welcome the family and friends of Ronnie Watts who is being baptised this morning.

Wednesday 12th June

6.15pm WOW

Our Worship on Wednesday Service meets this week as we continue our series 'Fruit of the Spirit' and explore the theme of 'goodness'

Friday 28th June

2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Meeting in church

Sunday 30th June

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we reflect on our calling as the church to show love in the world.





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world; draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, 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, Simon Brooks for further details – brooks_simon@hotmail.co.uk

visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR code below



ORDINATION OF OUR NEW CURATE!

Please pray for our new curate Sweetline Burnell, and her husband Matthew who are both being ordained deacons in Manchester Cathedral on **Sunday 30th June** at 10.30am.

Following their ordination; Sweetline will begin her role as curate here at St Bede and St Andrew and Matthew is doing his curacy at the benefice of Christ Church Heaton with St Margarets.

Sweetline's first Sunday with us at St Bede will be on Sunday 14th July. As we formally welcome Sweetline to St Bede's we are hosting a bring and share lunch after the service on the 14th July.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are able to contribute to the bring and share lunch.



Our new Curate:
Sweetline Burnell

A SHORT CATCH UP

While Malcolm and I were in Wales recently we had the opportunity to visit Brenda Borseby who with her husband Alan retired from St Bede 21 years ago to live on Anglesey. Brenda is well and enjoying the peaceful surroundings of a small community.

She sends greetings to all who knew her during their 7 years here

Pat Bristow .



The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. **Pray Your Part** is an invitation from the bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens.

This 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (from Friday, 14 June until Election Day on 4 July) is designed for use in the run-up to the UK General Election. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

Sign up for our daily election reflections via email using the link below;

[Pray Your Part: General Election 2024 | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org.uk/pray-your-part-general-election-2024)

BOLTON WEST GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

We have been approached this week by BBC Radio 4's Today Programme who have organised an election husting for the Bolton West constituency on **Monday 24th June**, 6pm at BWFC's Toughsheet Stadium hosted by Nick Robinson.

Tickets are free and they are wanting people to attend and there will be opportunity to submit questions beforehand and ask questions during the event. However, you **must** live in the Bolton West constituency to attend. (if you weren't aware Hulton Ward is now part of Bolton West).

You must book your place beforehand and to book your free ticket please e-mail today@bbc.co.uk.

The hustings will feature on Radio 4's Today Programme on Tuesday 25th June.

Strawberry

Afternoon Tea



St Bede

Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors

Saturday 6th July

1pm – 3pm

Also includes crafts and games for the children as well as a Bring & Buy stall

St Bede Community Room
or if the weather is fine,
in the church grounds.

A choice of freshly made sandwiches, cakes and as much tea and coffee as you need

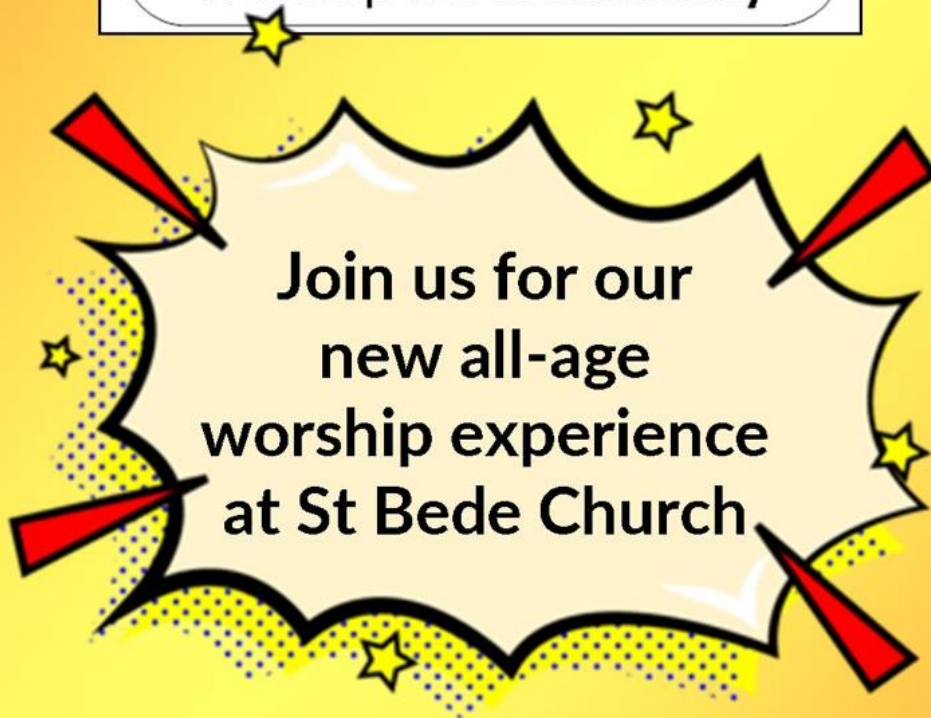
No need to book.

Sandwiches and cakes will be priced individually.



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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