

21st July 2024



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



Editorial

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Luke 7 v 36-50

Religious leaders in Jesus’ day formed societies where men (and it was always men) sat in the evenings, ate meals, and debated theology. There were also many Jewish people who lived on the margins, not living by the law, and rejected by these religious leaders as “sinners.” In the parable of the Two Debtors, Simon, a Pharisee, has invited Jesus to a dinner at Simon’s house. Like all cultures, there are certain “rules” when someone comes to your house. In Jesus’ day, three rituals were common: a kiss of greeting, washing of feet, and anointing with oil. Simon, though, does not do any of these rituals. Simon has called Jesus – whose fame was widespread – to a social gathering with the town’s intellectual and religious leadership. And Simon offends Jesus. Simon has set up Jesus for social shame.

The woman is described by Luke as a ‘sinner.’ The verb implies that she was actively known as a sinner, someone who ‘was sinning’ with some regularity. She has an illicit reputation – but something has happened in her life (beyond the scope of the story). Something – or someone – has transformed her life, and she goes to see Jesus. Notice that Luke 7:37 says that when she “learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume” to anoint him. The woman sees that Jesus has been offended by Simon’s lack of greeting. And she takes a tremendous risk. She anoints his feet with perfume; she weeps and wets them with tears, and she kisses them repeatedly. All of this is risky. But she has greeted Jesus properly, something which Simon did not do. Simon must make a judgment. The woman – who is supposed to be a sinner – has acted more graciously than Simon – supposedly a righteous man. Jesus then announces that “her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown” (Luke 7:47). It is important to understand that she was not forgiven because of her “works,” because Jesus then added, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace” (Luke 7:50).

Do you relate more to the religious leader Simon, or to the sinful woman? If you think like Simon, you might think that there are people who are beyond hope of finding life and forgiveness in Jesus. The good news of this parable is that sinners can find forgiveness through faith in Jesus. There is no one who is too far gone, too sinful, too bad. All it takes is to go to Jesus in faith. May we be more like Jesus, who accepts all who come to him in faith.

**Tony Whitehead – Licensed 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
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Dean
Norma M
Freda
Rebecca W
Samantha W
Jacqui
Kathleen
Emma H
Malcolm
Chloe
Alison H
Rachael B



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

This Week at St Bede

Sunday 14th July

10am All-Age Service

Worship with us as we begin a new summer series 'Meals with Jesus'. Each week during the summer break, we'll be exploring a meal Jesus had as recorded in Luke's Gospel and reflecting on what we can learn from the life of Jesus.

Monday 22nd July

11am BL Lunch Project

Open to any children aged 4-18 - come to the front door on Normanby St for your lunch

Monday 23rd July

11am BL Lunch Project

Tuesday 24th July

11am BL Lunch Project

Wednesday 25th July

11am BL Lunch Project

Thursday 26th July

11am BL Lunch Project

Friday 27th July

11am BL Lunch Project

Sunday 30th July

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we reflect on Jesus' lunch with Levi the Tax-Collector in our summer series 'Meals with Jesus'.





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



FUNDRAISING

Our next fundraising effort will be a Sponsored Walk at Jumbles. Once round, then stop for lunch, then around again. Please see Gill for a sponsor form and more details.



Talkin' Tables

Conquering Loneliness and Bringing People Together one Table at a Time!



At Talkin' Tables, we work with awesome local businesses to create facilitated inclusive spaces that allow people to meet & connect with others in their community. Each of the businesses we partner with hosts their Talkin' Table for one hour at a time. The tables are free for anyone to join, and a table leader is present for the hour to welcome people to the table and act as a point of contact for the charity.

For more information and to find a table near you please see the Talkin' Tables website www.talkintables.co.uk or contact Marjorie Hayward at marjorie@talkintables.co.uk or Lynne Croston, the local co-ordinator for the Bolton area, at lynneccroston@gmail.com.

BL LUNCH PROJECT 2024 (22nd JULY – 30th AUGUST)

The BL Lunch Project begins this week! Thank you to everyone who has offered to help and support the project as we partner with Urban Outreach to ensure no child goes hungry over the summer holidays.

Please do pray as we open up our doors each day to support our wider community.

For your information there is a list of venues for the BL Lunch Project across Bolton on the next page. Please do share this with any families you are aware of that would appreciate the offer of lunches.

BOLTON CANCER VOICES
proudly present
A Summer Serenade
Friday 19th July 7-30pm
Brookfield Hall, Peel Terrace,
Westthoughton BL5 3SP
Tickets £8.00
Available via members or the Ticket Secretary
01204 595562 / 07773 164 235
Licensed bar: raffle on the night



Monday 22nd July - Friday 30th August (excluding 26th August)

Urban Outreach is working with an army of volunteers to help make a lunch for your child during the summer holidays. This is aimed at children and young people aged 4-18. To collect your packed lunch please go to the nearest centre listed here between 11am and 12 noon during the summer holidays.

Astley Bridge: Oldham's Children's Centre, Forfar St, BL1 6RN

Blackrod: St Katharines Church, Church St, BL6 5EN

Breightmet: Breightmet Library, Breightmet Fold Lane, BL2 6NT

Red Lane URC, Newby Road, BL2 5EL

Withins UCAN, 39 Kentmere Road, BL2 5JG

Daubhill: St Bedes Church, Normanby St, BL3 3QR

Willows Community Centre, back Caledonia St, BL3 5PA

Deane: Deane Church, 41 Junction Road, BL3 4LT

Sutton Centre, Addington Rd, BL3 4QZ

Farnworth: Farnworth Library, Market St, BL4 7PG

New Bury UCAN, 53 George St, BL4 9PU

Great Lever: Great Lever Children's Centre, Leonard St, BL3 3AP

Rose Hill URC, 75 Bradford Rd, BL3 2HE

Halliwell: Oxford Grove Children's Centre, Oxford Grove, BL1 3BH

St Thomas Primary School, Eskrick St, BL1 3JB

Horwich: Bridge Church, Rock St, BL6 5QS

St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, BL6 6HT

Johnson Fold: Hope Centre, 27 Tattersall Ave, BL1 5TE

Kearsley: Roosevelt Road Community Centre, Roosevelt Rd, BL4 8EA

Little Lever: Kings Church Little Lever, Market St, BL3 1HN

Tonge: Castle Hill Centre, Castleton St, BL2 2JW

Tonge Children's Centre, 260 Starkie Rd, BL2 2ED

Westhoughton: John Holt Community Centre, Birch Ave, BL5 2NR

Scan the QR code to find out about activities going on near you...



Working alongside churches, community groups and businesses to ensure no child goes hungry this summer.





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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