

7th July 2024



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



Editorial

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Reading: John 15: 1-8

'This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples' (John 15: 8)

The most common vine plant here in the UK is the tomato vine. It is one of the most popular plants to grow; maybe you are growing your own tomato vines at the moment?

Tomato vines by themselves have little to offer. They are delicate and need lots of attention to grow well, vines are also unattractive and spidery in nature. So why then are tomato vines so popular? Because of the fruit that they bear! Tomato vines produce a sweet and juicy fruit that is an essential part of every good salad!

Jesus in our reading says 'I am the vine, you are the branches' (v 5). As the church, as God's people, we are called to bear much fruit, to grow and make a difference in the world for God's glory.

William Temple, the former Bishop of Manchester and Archbishop of Canterbury, once wrote 'The church is the only organization that exists for its non-members'. The church is not here for our own benefit. We are the church of Christ, called to grow, to bear fruit and bring glory to God in all that we do.

As we seek Jesus the True Vine; how might you bear fruit and bring glory to God this week?

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
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 7th July

10am Family Communion

Worship with us for our all-age service as we reflect on our call to grow as a church and to bring glory to God in all that we do.

Tuesday 9th July

7.30pm St Bede PCC Meeting

Being held in the Community Room

Wednesday 10th July

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 Self-Control'

Thursday 11th July

7pm Prayer at Seven

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting in the community room as we pray for ourselves as a church and our wider community.

Friday 12th July

12pm Funeral of Tricia Pugh

Taking place at St Bede's Church Please do keep Tricia's family in your prayers

2.30pm St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Meeting in church

Sunday 14th July

10am Holy Communion / Charity Partner Sunday

Join us for this special service as we not only welcome Sweetline, our new curate, to her first Sunday service at St Bede but we also welcome Dave Bagley and the team; who will be sharing about the work of our charity partner, Streetlife.

Our children's ministry group, Church Rocks, are also meeting this week.

Following the service there will be a bring and share lunch to welcome Sweetline.



St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; 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 and click on **Support Us**



WELCOME TO SWEETLINE!

Last Sunday was a wonderful celebration as Rev'd Sweetline Burnell (alongside her husband Matthew) was ordained deacon in Manchester Cathedral.

Sweetline has now begun her ministry here at St Bede so do say hello to her if you see her around.

Sweetline's first Sunday at St Bede will be on Sunday 14th July which is also our Charity Partner Sunday.

As we formally welcome Sweetline to St Bede's we are hosting a bring and share lunch after the service.

Please do sign up if you are able to contribute and do stay around after the service next Sunday as we share fellowship together



FUNERAL OF TRICIA PUGH

We are sorry to share with you the sad news that Tricia Pugh (daughter of Harry and Freda McFarland), who was a former member of our church and served as a Sunday School teacher for a number of years, has died.

Her funeral will take place at St Bede on Friday 12th July at 12pm. The family would like to invite anyone who remembers Tricia to the service. Please do keep the family in your prayers.

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

Volunteers Needed

St Bede's Church is delighted to be a host pick up point for Urban Outreach's BL Lunch Project this summer.

Every morning (Monday - Friday) during the 6 week summer holiday starting on **Monday 22nd July**; we will be opening St Bede's Church and any children in the local community will be able to come and pick up a free packed lunch between 11am-12pm.

However, we do need volunteers each day to be at church to give out lunches. We also need people to pick up the lunches beforehand from Urban Outreach's Food Hub on Trinity Way Retail Park.

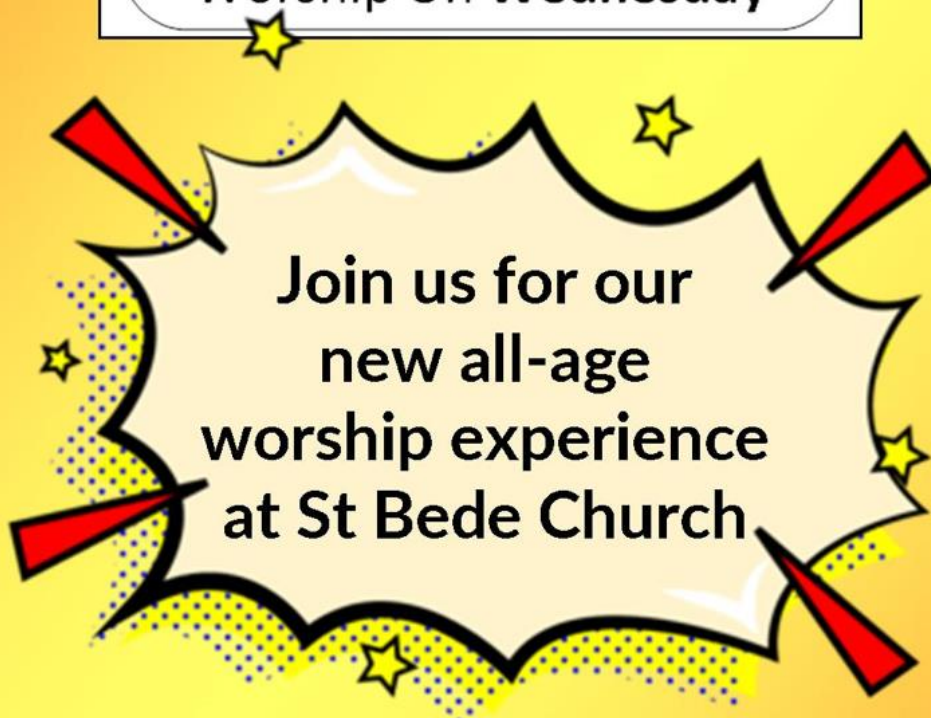
If you can volunteer and help on any mornings during the holidays; please contact Vinny asap.

Thank you so much for your support.



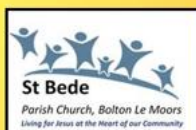
Just a quick note to say a massive thank you to all who helped organise and more importantly attended the Race Night. All the pounds and pennies have now been counted and we managed to raise an astonishing £598.80 (net of expenses).





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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