

25th August 2024



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



Editorial

13th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Luke 19 v 1-10

Meals with Jesus. This week we are looking at the story of Zacchaeus.

We are told that Zacchaeus was a short man so hearing Jesus was coming past he climbed a tree to have a better view. It has been said that Zacchaeus was also a man short of morals who cheated people when he collected their taxes and also cheated the Romans by what he handed to them. Some tax collectors are decent human beings. Malcolm and I knew a senior tax collector in Didsbury, and he was the kindest most helpful person you could meet. It was evident that Zacchaeus was really keen to see Jesus, not actually meet with him but observe him.

Jesus looks up to the tree and says to Zacchaeus come down I wish to eat with you tonight. Imagine the shock of being recognised and spoken to by Jesus who obviously knew everything about him. All his underhand dealings had been exposed. The preacher actually wanted his company and even wanted to visit his home.

The crowd were muttering look Jesus is going to eat with a sinner. How often people judge what they do not fully understand. Zacchaeus immediately says he will give half his goods to the poor and but right any wrongs. Jesus then states salvation has come to the house. As a result of meeting with Jesus Zacchaeus life was instantly changed. Let us be grateful that on meeting with Jesus our lives will be changed for good. We are now challenged to see how our lives can be changed each day as we encounter our risen Lord.

Zacchaeus thought he would be unnoticed by Jesus in the tree, we too may think we are unnoticed by Jesus perhaps unimportant and uninvited but it's not true. Each one of us is noticed, valued and invited to join our saviour as we travel on our Christian journey. Let us each be challenged to see how we can encounter Jesus anew today.

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
Emma H
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 25th August

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our final summer 'Meals with Jesus' service as we explore the story of Zacchaeus who invited Jesus to his house for a meal.

Tuesday 27th August

10.30am – 9.00pm Macmillan day

Pop over to Christina's place for coffee and cake – open all day – 36 Hollins, Plodder Lane, Bolton, BL4 0LF

Tuesday to Friday this week

Tuesday 27th August

11am BL Lunch Project

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

Wednesday 28th August - 11am BL Lunch Project

Thursday 29th August - 11am BL Lunch Project

Friday 30th August - 11am BL Lunch Project

Sunday 1st September

10am Holy Communion

Join us for our all-age worship as we begin a new series 'The Art of Giving' and reflecting on how we can give back to God.





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**St Bede Charity
Partner 2024.**



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Christina Millington will be hosting an 'early' Macmillan Coffee *Open House* on **Tuesday 27th August** between 10.30am & 9.00pm.

Please do your best to support her for this great cause!



BL LUNCH PROJECT 2024

The BL Lunch Project continues 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.

**MISION COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION SERVICE**

We hope you will be able to join us for our Mission Community Celebration Service as we come together as the 14 churches in our Mission Community.

We'll be sharing stories from our recent Connect Mission and our Area Dean Rev'd Simon Cook will be preaching.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

As the school holidays draw to an end; we invite you to join us for **Back to School Sunday** on **Sunday 8th September, 10am** here at St Bede.

Back to School Sunday is a special service where we pray for our children and staff as they go back to school.

We are delighted we will also be joined by staff from St Bede Academy as we pray for our church school.



**Mission Community
Celebration Service
Sunday 8th September
6.30pm at St Andrews Over Hulton**

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



St Andrews Over Hulton Men's Breakfast



'Journey of a Bishop'

With Guest Speaker: Bishop Matthew
(Bishop of Bolton)

Saturday 21st September

8.30am-10am St Andrews Church

£6 incl. Cooked Breakfast

To book your ticket (please book by 15th September)
please contact Paul Braddock or Rob Walsh (07922
134591) or message St Andrews on our Facebook Page



ST ANDREWS CHURCH
OVER HULTON
GROWING IN CHRIST, ROOTED IN LOVE
EMPOWERED TO SERVE

JOURNEY OF A BISHOP

MEN'S BREAKFAST EVENT AT ST ANDREWS

Our friends from St Andrews are holding a Men's Breakfast with Bishop Matthew (The Bishop of Bolton) on **Saturday 21st September, 8.30am - 10am.**

However the event is open to men at St Bede's so please do book your place and come along!

INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTIANS

Over the next few weeks, I will be showing you the lives of some inspirational Christians in alphabetical order!

Here is 'A'. The 1958 film 'Inn of the Sixth Happiness' starring Ingrid Bergman was loosely based on her life.

A



Aylward, Gladys (1902-1970)

British missionary in China

A housemaid born in Edmonton, north of London, Aylward went to China as an independent missionary. With little educational background, no specific abilities to commend her for missionary work, and unable to do well in some introductory mission studies, Gladys was turned down by the China Inland Mission. Despite this disappointment and no support, in 1930 she headed for China on the Trans-Siberian railway. Nearly detained in Russia, she managed to get to Tientsin (Tian-jin) and from there traveled to the province of Shansi (Shanxi) in northwest China. Learning the rough Mandarin language for the area, she identified herself with China and its people and became a Chinese citizen in 1936. She gained the favor of the mandarin of the city of Yancheng (Jincheng), who appointed her an inspector to help enforce the local government's edict against binding the feet of young girls.

The late 1930s were days of strife, as government forces fought against the Japanese and Communists. In this chaotic context Aylward gathered many orphans into a home and in 1940 led them on a perilous journey to safety in Sian (Xian), capital of the neighboring province of Shensi (Shaanxi), 240 miles west-southwest of Yangcheng. She returned to England during World War II, went back to China in the late 1940s, and then continued work with needy children in Taiwan through the Gladys Aylward Children's Home until nearly the time of her death.

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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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