

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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



## Editorial

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading: 1 Samuel 18 v 1-16**

We are continuing today with our series on David. Last week was his defeat of Goliath with his stone and catapult. David had always loved God and followed him and during this test it was nothing different David faced Goliath and triumphed with the Lord behind him. David loved and cherished God's word all his life but as we see in the reading today David became a little unsure of what God's plan for him was, having been sent away into the wilderness by King Saul as he, King Saul had become jealous of David's standing in the community and also King Saul was losing sight of the Lord's ways himself. Despite the situation David found himself in he continued to praise the Lord he did of course write the Psalms in his lifetime many of them at this time and with these Psalms offered these to the Lord. David continued to pray to God and deepen his faith in God and this shows us that we must despite the situations we find ourselves in, for example, feeling that the Lord may have forgotten you and is testing you beyond what you can stand. We must always remember that God has a plan for each one of us and although we may feel lost and without God behind us. God will be there and continues to know the plans he has for us despite what we think! We need to try to deepen our faith in God and pray to him to ensure that we do see God's plan for us and help him to execute it.

Gill Blackburn - Authorised Lay Minister &  
Churchwarden



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> October

## **10am Morning Service**

We continue our sermon series exploring 'the Life of David' as we this week reflect on David's time in the wilderness. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

## **7.30pm St Bede's Ministry Leaders Meeting**

Meeting in the Community Room

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

## **6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)**

Our midweek WOW service continues this week as we explore the final 'I am' saying of Jesus 'I am the True Vine'.

## **7.30pm The Prayer Course**

Our joint Prayer Course led by Sweetline is taking place at St Andrews tonight. Do join us if you are able.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

## **7.30pm Tropic Evening with Cheese and Wine**

Our next social and fundraising event is our Tropic Evening with Cheese and Wine in the Community Room. Make sure you book your tickets this weekend.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

## **9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship**

Taking place in church.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

## **10am Baptism Service**

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our sermon series reflecting on the 'Life of David' and how David maintained his integrity in his battle with Saul.



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Diocese of Manchester

**St Bede Charity  
Partner 2024.**



### COLLECT

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; 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](mailto:brooks_simon@hotmail.co.uk)

visit our website [www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk) or scan the QR code below



### CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2024

Our Mission Community Confirmation Service is taking place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm** at Holy Trinity Church Horwich which Bishop Matthew will lead.

We are delighted that our very own **Sophie Whitehead** will be confirmed this year.

Please do come along and support Sophie on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November and pray for Sophie as she takes this important step in her faith journey.

### BOLTON DEANERY LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Tony Whitehead and Gill Blackburn had a great time at the inaugural Bolton Deanery Lay Leadership Conference last Saturday morning! Thank you for our goodie bags and to Bishop Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Doncaster, for the mini Jesus! A very inspiring morning and good to meet with people from across the deanery.



### INCOME AND ATTENDANCE SURVEY 2024

During October, we are asking all regular members of St Bede's to complete the diocese' Annual Income Survey. The survey is needed for the calculation of parish share, which is the amount of money requested from us as a parish by the diocese each year to contribute to the costs of clergy and the wider mission of the church. To calculate the level of parish share requested, the Diocese needs to take into account worshipper's attendance and income. The income assessment is done by asking each regular member of church to complete a confidential and anonymous form which you will find at the back of church.

Only regular worshippers over the age of 16 should complete the form. The forms are individual; so if you are for example husband and wife, you should both fill in a form. It is important that everyone who is eligible fills a form, even (indeed, especially) if you have no or little personal income. Please note the form has changed this year. Instead of ticking the box that applies to you - you are to blank out the option box. Completed forms should be posted in the box at the back of church by **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your help and support.

### REV BEN IS GETTING MARRIED!

Ben Brady and his fiancé Leanne are getting married on **26<sup>th</sup> October** in St Albans. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their new life together







## Christmas Fayre Monthly Appeal



As Mariah Carey is starting to thaw out it's time to plan for Christmas!! As usual we need to start collecting items for the fair on **16th November**.

**October** –Unwanted new gifts

**November** – Cuddly Toys

We also urgently need donations of the following;

- Chocolate and sweets
- Gift bags
- Food for a Christmas Hamper

Also, if you are free on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November and can help, we would very much appreciate your time!



At St Andrew's...

Come and join our 8 weeks

the  
prayer  
course

All are welcome

Date: 2/10/24  
Day & Time: Wednesday  
@ 7:30pm  
Place: St Andrews Church Over Hulton,  
Crescent Avenue,  
Bolton,  
BL5 1EN

Theme  
"Lord, teach us to pray".  
The course will unpack the importance of  
prayer and  
different topics are covered across  
the course.

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### THE BIBLE OVERVIEW

We have wonderful Bible teaching during services at St Andrews and St Bedes but one thing all ministers agree is that to really understand the teaching you need to understand the context of the Bible passage being discussed.

You may be new to the church or may have been coming to church for decades, but do you know how the Bible fits together? Which of the 66 books of the Bible have you read? When reading about the prophets do you know the historical context into which they are prophesying? Do you know how it fits into world history? We all mention the blood of the New Covenant during the communion service, but what does this mean? Was there blood of an Old Covenant? Without an understanding of the Old Testament, you cannot fully understand the New Testament.

The Bible overview is as it says, a way to understand how the books of the Bible fit together. It is light hearted and fun as well as being informative.

The overview is not limited to members of our churches church but is open to anybody wanting a better understanding of the Bible. Please feel free to bring friends along.

We will be running an overview on the 5 Saturdays in November starting at [gam on 2<sup>nd</sup> November](#). We will finish at lunch time with soup and a time of fellowship. All participants will be provided with a full set of notes, diagrams and maps to assist you with further study if desired. Are you willing to invest 15 hours of your life gaining a deeper knowledge of our loving heavenly Father?

If so please call Kwez on 07855 522439 for more details.



St Bede Parish invite you to a

# TROPIC EVENING



*We will also have a demonstration for an Autumn Flower Arrangement to be raffled on the night*



## With Cheese & Wine

A selection of cheeses and biscuits available along with Red & White wines and soft drinks.

Tickets priced at £6.00 and are available from Jean in Church or email [fundraising@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk)

**Thursday October 24th 7.30pm**

St Bede Parish Church Normanby Street, Bolton, BL3 3QR

**WOW**  
Worship On Wednesday

Join us for our new all-age worship experience at St Bede Church.

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



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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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