

27<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

**Last Sunday after Trinity**  
**1 Samuel 24 v 1-22**

This week: the ongoing battle between David and King Saul comes to a head. King Saul hunts David down in the wilderness with 3,000 men and David hides away in a cave for his own safety with his men.

Yet David is presented with a golden opportunity to kill King Saul and save himself when by chance, King Saul decides to take a rest in the same cave David is hiding!

David's men encourage David to seize the moment and end King Saul's life. Yet David despite the temptation knows it is not right to kill, and so David spares King Saul's life but cuts off a piece of his royal robe to prove to King Saul that Saul has nothing to fear from David.

When King Saul is confronted by David and realises David has spared his life; King Saul proclaims of David to everyone 'You are more righteous than I' (1 Samuel 24: 17) – recognising how David's actions show the integrity of David's faith in God.

David's example provides a challenge to us today. I wonder: do the people around us recognise our righteousness as we seek to live out our Christian faith in our everyday lives today? As we seek to live for Jesus at the heart of our community; may our lives demonstrate the integrity of our faith in God

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  
Chloe  
Alison H  
Rachael B  
John H



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

# This week at St Bede

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

## 10am Baptism Service

We warmly welcome the family and friends of Lennie and Lois Ashton-Bryce who are being baptised this morning. Join us for this all-age celebration as we continue our sermon series reflecting on the 'Life of David' and how David maintained his integrity in his battle with Saul.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**\*\*\* Please note due to half term there will be no WOW Service this week \*\*\***

## 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.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## 10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our sermon series exploring 'the Life of David'

This week we are reflecting on how David loved to worship the Lord and how David can inspire us in our worship of the Lord today.

## 6.30pm Mission Community Confirmation Service

Join us at **Holy Trinity Church, Horwich** for our Mission Community Confirmation Service. Please come and support Sophie Whitehead who is being confirmed this evening.





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

## St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



### COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of 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.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS CAMPAIGN 2024!

This Sunday (27th October) we will be launching our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2024!

We will be doing the big reveal about what we are collecting as our contribution to Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign at our 10am service.

Look out for the big reveal which will also be included in next week's newsletter!



### INCOME AND ATTENDANCE SURVEY 2024

This Sunday is the final Sunday for our Income and Attendance Survey.

The surveys are used to calculate the amount of parish share we contribute to the Diocese to cover our ministry costs.

If you are over 16 and are a regular member of St Bede's Church; then please make sure you have filled an anonymous income survey form and put it in the box by this weekend.

Thank you for your help and support.

### COFFEE ROTA 2025

We are looking for volunteers to join our coffee rota for next year. This involves putting on the tea, coffee and biscuits in the Community Room following our Sunday morning service. Currently, the rota is a 1 in 6-week rota but the more people we have on the rota the greater the gap between weeks, If you are able to help or would like more information please speak to Elaine Almond or use her contact details at the end of this newsletter.



## TROPIC NIGHT WITH CHEESE AND WINE



Thanks to all who came and supported our last event on Thursday night. It was a great night!



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!

Posters are now available so please take one and let all your friends, neighbours and family know!



# CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

**St Bede Parish and St Bede Primary Academy**

**On Saturday 16 November**

10am to 1pm

Plenty of festive stalls, café, sweets,  
and chances to win prizes

To be held at St Bede Primary Academy

**Plus Santa's Grotto!**

£1 Entry fee, Children go Free



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.

Contact: Revd. Sweetline Burnell  
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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.



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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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