

10th November 2024



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



Editorial

3rd Sunday before Advent

Reading: 2 Samuel 12 v 1-13

Remembrance Day commemorated in church on the Sunday nearest to November 11th was first instituted to mark the armistice at the end of the First World War. It was supposed to be a war to end all wars but sadly throughout the world there have been and are conflicts still raging.

To remember is to respect those who fought for peace in the past and the many who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. We give thanks for all who were willing to suffer at home and abroad to avoid dictatorship and inflicting pain on others. After each war we were promised a land fit for heroes and while we all have different views about that we all seek to work for peace. Our Bible reading today is about David youngest son of Jesse and a shepherd boy, known for slaying Goliath. We are aware of his choices sometimes wrong sometimes right but like him we need to take responsibility for our own actions. Seeking forgiveness from God and others we have wronged and then accepting God's forgiveness will enable us to live with and in the peace we so desire and need.

At times we will be in battles or feel ourselves in No man's land but God's love surpasses all our dread and fears if we only ask Him.

Rev. Malcolm



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 10th November

10am Remembrance Sunday Service

Join us on the poignant Sunday as we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Our service will finish with an Act of Remembrance. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' are meeting this week.

Tuesday 12th November

9.15am Funeral of Shelia Walsh

Shelia's funeral is taking place at St Bede's Church today. Please do keep Shelia's family in your prayers.

Wednesday 13th November

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us as we continue our series looking at famous characters in the Bible. This week we are exploring the story of Abraham.

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.

Saturday 16th November

10am St Bede Christmas Fayre

Join us for our annual St Bede Christmas Fayre taking place at St Bede School.

Sunday 17th November

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we conclude our series exploring the Life of David as we reflect on David's Legacy. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





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God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease and poverty and pain
shall end, that earth may know
the peace of heaven 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



THE ART OF GIVING STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In September you may remember we launched a stewardship campaign 'The Art of Giving' where we encouraged everyone to reflect on how they can give generously to support the work of St Bede's.

We are delighted that 4 people were able to respond by increasing the amount that they give to church. This has made a real difference in supporting the mission and ministry of St Bede's.

Thank you to those who were able to respond in this way. This year we are on course to cover all our ministry costs as a church which is wonderful news.

However, we do need more financial support, particularly long term, as costs go up, if we are to continue our growing mission and ministry.

Please do prayerfully consider how you might respond and give to support our mission and ministry at St Bede as we live for Jesus at the heart of our community.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS NOMINATIONS

As part of the Christmas Dinner on Jesus Project; we as a church can nominate individuals or families to receive a free Christmas Dinner on Jesus hamper this Christmas

If you know someone in our community who is struggling, or just had a very difficult year and you think they would like to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus this year then please let Vinny know asap.



We are in desperate need of more soft toys for our Christmas Fair. Please ask family and friends to donate as many as you can – Please let Kirsty Critchley know what you can provide -thank you



CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2024

Congratulations to Sophie Whitehead, Theo Embrey, Harry Froom and Victoria Froom who were all confirmed by Bishop Matthew at our Mission Community Confirmation Service last Sunday at Holy Trinity Church Horwich.

It was a wonderful occasion and thank you to all those from St Bede who came to support them as they took this important step of faith.

Please continue to pray for Sophie, Theo, Harry and Victoria as they continue to walk with Christ.

WOW

Worship On Wednesday



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





Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2024!

Our challenge this year is to give **1,500** Chocolate Selection Boxes to bless 1,500 children through Christmas Dinner on Jesus this Christmas!

The selection boxes can be any size. Please bring your donations each week and help us to reach our target by

Sunday 1st December





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





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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