

17th November 2024



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



Editorial

2nd Sunday before Advent

Reading: 1 Chronicles 29 v 10-20

King David joyfully carries the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem while passionately dancing in front of God in 2 Samuel 6:12–23. David, despite being criticized by his wife Michal for his unrefined dancing, defends his worship, asserting his humility before God.

I just want to briefly focus on worship in a Christian context.

Worship is more than simply songs or rituals; it's a way of life that embodies dedication, respect, and a relationship with God. Recognising God's grandeur, giving thanks, and living in accordance with His will are all part of Christian worship. Christian worship is based on the Bible and Jesus' teachings, and it is an act that brings us closer to God and puts our hearts in line with His desire.

According to the Bible, worship is an expression of gratitude for God's existence and deeds. In Psalm 95:6-7, we are invited to "come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." This invitation to worship places a strong emphasis on acknowledging God as our Creator and Shepherd, as well as on humility and obedience. In this way, worship involves humble submission to God's direction and care in addition to acknowledging His greatness.

Furthermore, Christians get together to rejoice and declare God's love and grace during community worship. According to Acts 2:42 in the New Testament, the early church was a gathering place dedicated to prayer, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the teachings of the apostles. Here, worship is communal rather than solitary; it fosters the church, strengthens relationships, and uplifts people in their relationship with Christ. As Jesus prayed for unity among His followers, worshipping together strengthens and unites the body of Christ.

We are changed by worshipping God. We are transformed when we concentrate on God's kindness, love, and goodness. Worship deepens our faith, promotes humility, and brings us into line with God's goals. Through worship, we gain a deeper understanding of Him and start to emulate His Love and mercy to others.

Rev. Sweetline



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 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.

Wednesday 20th 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.

Friday 22nd November

9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church.

Sunday 24th November

10am All-Age Service

Join us on Christ the King Sunday for our all-age service as reflect on how Jesus is our King today!





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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.



COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord



CONGRATULATIONS TO REV & MRS BRADY!

Ben & Leanne tied the knot (at last!) at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 26th October 2024.

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



'Chill into your festive countdown with tickets to our yuletide concert 'Christmas With Friends', presented by Bolton Cancer Voices with special guests – Bolton Parish Church Hand Bell Ringers and Tutti Flooti, filling the air with evocative songs and timeless seasonal classics in the beautiful surroundings of Bolton Parish Church.

With the chance to sing-a-long too, it's a musical extravaganza not to be missed!

Tickets limited, so early booking advisable: available via members or the Ticket Secretary on 01204 595562'



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





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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