

1st December 2024



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

Editorial

1st Sunday of Advent

Reading: Luke 21 v 25-36

Advent is here again, and it is not part of Christmas as the retailers would have us believe. It is a 'standalone' part of the churches' ecclesiastical calendar, it is not a time for inactivity, but it is a time for reflection, looking at ourselves in the spiritual mirror, examining ourselves in the light of Jesus, the light of the world. We will not be looking at our reflection like a Narcissistic person, but we will be looking at ourselves with a critical eye, to see how we would need to change in order to accept the coming of the Saviour of the World. Watching and praying for that time when He returns for a second and final time to this World.

The information is all there for us to read for ourselves in the Bible, to enable us to be, in the words of Thomas a Kempis, an 'Imitation of Christ', to be as much like the person of Jesus as we possibly can. We will never be as 'Perfect' as Him, but if we can show that we have made some progress in that direction, we have shown we were followers of Jesus.

One way you could start is, if you have a smartphone, look for 'Lect0365', it is a twice daily devotional, lasting only a few minutes, cantering our minds, from Advent Sunday till Christmas, helping us to prepare for the coming Jesus.

Remember Jesus came especially for you, His Death was so that you could have life and have it in abundance. Prepare for the coming of Jesus while you can, so as not to 'late for the wedding feast, let us be ready and acceptable in His sight.

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
Kathleen
Emma H
Chloe
Alison H
Rachael B
John H
Kat C



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

This week at St Bede

Sunday 1st December

10am Family Communion

Join us on this Advent Sunday as we begin the season of Advent and look to the coming of Christ.

Wednesday 4th December

12pm St Bede Luncheon Club Christmas Meal

Don't forget to book in for our Luncheon Club Christmas Meal this week. We also have St Bede Academy School Choir coming to sing.

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 Joshua

Thursday 5th December

7pm Prayer at Seven

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting as we pray for ourselves, our church and our world.

Friday 6th December

9.30am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Meeting in church

Sunday 8th December

10am Family Communion

Join us as we continue our journey through Advent reflecting on how the prophets pointed to the coming of Jesus. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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



CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has donated selection boxes to this year's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign.

THIS SUNDAY is the final deadline for donations. You can bring selection boxes on Sunday but please do not bring them after this date.

We'll let you know next week if we have achieved our target of 1,500 selection boxes!

ST BEDE CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

As we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, we are pleased to announce our Christmas Services for 2024.

Please do put these services in your diary and why not use this as an opportunity to invite family and friends to come with you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Celebrate Christmas at St Bede's Church

Join us for our Christmas Services...

Sunday 22nd December

10am Christingle Carol Service

We welcome pupils and staff from St Bede Academy for our all-age celebration.

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Pop Up Nativity Crib Service

Please come dressed up as your favourite Nativity character.

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Celebration with Communion

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus



A CALL TO PRAYER & FASTING
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26TH JANUARY 2025
WORSHIP & PRAYER EVENING

8PM - 9.30PM
REFRESHMENTS FROM 7.30PM

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1877 suite, West Stand
(Access via Main Stadium reception)

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THE CHURCH UNITED IN OUR LOVE FOR JESUS
SEEKING TO SEE SALVATION

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved".

Romans 10:9



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

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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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