

24<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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



## Editorial

### Christ the King Sunday

**Readings: Daniel 7 v 9-10,13-14 / John 18 v 33-37**

Each of us has our own Feast day, our birthday. It's a day when we celebrate being alive. Cards, flowers, gifts, a special meal and 'phone calls tell us that our friends are glad to know us and that we make a difference to their lives.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We celebrate Christ, risen, ascended and glorified. We give thanks to God for all he has done for us through Jesus and for the difference Jesus makes to our lives. We celebrate the Kingship of Christ but what sort of Kingship is it that we're celebrating? Our Gospel reading gives us a vivid picture to reflect on. The picture is certainly not what we would expect to see illustrating kingship, power and authority. Here are no fine robes but a naked and scarred body. His crown has no jewels, only vicious thorns. On his hands there are no rings of power, just the nails which fix him to a wooden cross – no golden throne. There are no courtiers or servants around him – just two criminals sharing his fate and an assorted crowd of soldiers and ghoulsh spectators who taunt and mock him.

But before we turn away from this ghastly picture of cruelty and humiliation, we see the words “This is the King of the Jews” and we hear the voice of an unlikely believer “remember me when you come into your kingdom”. Someone here has caught a glimpse of the glory that is hidden by the awfulness of this torture. And we hear another voice, the voice of authority coming from the defeat of the cross, “Today you will be with me in Paradise”.

We heard the voices of mockery and hate. Now we hear the voices of faith and compassion, and it makes us stop and wonder.

The picture of Kingship in our Gospel story turns traditional kingship upside down. It reaches out to us calling us to offer ourselves to Christ the King and we can perhaps sense what a difference this would make to our lives.

Next week we will begin again to tell the story of the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby and we will again start looking forward to Jesus returning as Christ the King.

**Tony Whitehead - Licenced Lay  
Minister (Reader)**



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Moses

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

## 10am Family Communion

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





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God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS UPDATE**

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

The deadline for donations is NEXT Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please if you are able, pick up a selection box or two this week and bring them in next week to help us reach our goal of 1,500 Selection Boxes.

Also, as part of the Christmas Dinner on Jesus Project; we as a church can nominate individuals or families to receive a free Christmas Hamper this Christmas.

If you know of someone in our community who is struggling, or just had a very difficult year, and you think they should be nominated to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus please let Vinny know this week!



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



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

"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

**Sunday 1st December**





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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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