

15th December 2024



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

Editorial

3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Luke 3 v 7-18

In our reading this week; as John the Baptist prepares the way and proclaims the good news that Jesus is coming; the crowds respond by asking John the Baptist 'What should we do then?'.
In response, John teaches the crowds; if you have heard the good news and repented and been baptised; then you need to be good news and start practically living out the values of the kingdom which Jesus came to establish. Kingdom values such as hope, peace, joy and love.

In this season of Advent, we reflect on these values as we light our Advent Wreath. Today is Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, where we particularly focus on the kingdom value of joy.

In this season of Advent; as we too ask the question 'What shall we do then?' in response to the coming of Jesus, we remember that as Christians we are called not just to speak good news but to BE good news as we demonstrate the Kingdom values of hope, peace, joy and love.

I wonder: how might you show hope, peace, joy and love to others this week as we seek to be good news in our community?

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



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

This week at St Bede

Sunday 8th December

10am Morning Service

Worship with us this Advent as we reflect on John the Baptist who prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Wednesday 18th December

9.15am St Bede Academy Year 2 Carol Concert

11am St Bede Academy Year 3 - 4 Carol Service

2pm St Bede Academy Year 5 - 6 Carol Service

All these services are taking place in church. We look forward to welcoming staff, pupils and parents to celebrate Christmas at St Bede.

Saturday 21st December

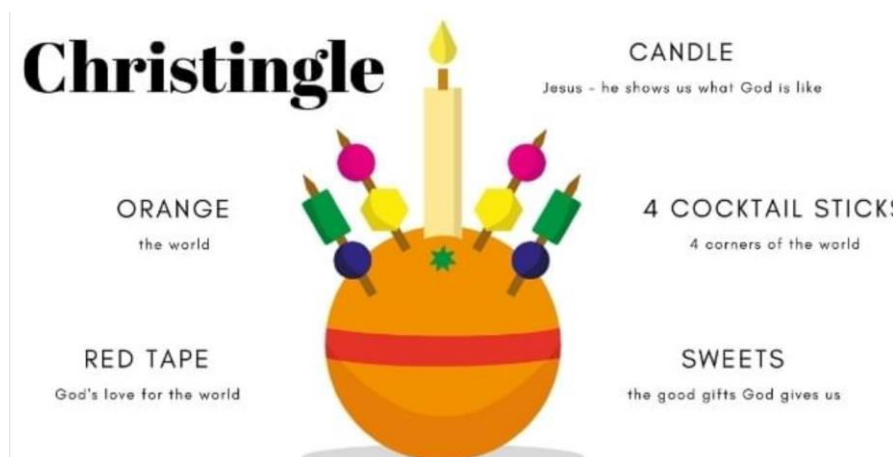
9am Assembling the Christingles

Volunteers needed! If you can spare an hour to help us put together all the Christingles please meet us in the Vestry.

Sunday 22nd December

10am Christingle Carol Service

Join us for our special all-age Christingle Carol Service featuring our very own 'Church Rocks' Nativity and pupils from St Bede Academy will be singing some carols. Join us for tea, coffee and mince pies which will be served after the service.





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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



2024 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

As we have done in previous years, instead of sending Christmas cards, you can have a message put into the Newsletter to your Church Family.

Please complete the form on the next page and get this to Tony no later than **Wednesday 18th December** for inclusion in the newsletter on **Sunday 22nd December**

We do suggest that a donation is made either in cash or by using the contactless card machine.

NEW ALPHA COURSE

We are delighted to announce that in the New Year we are running a new joint Alpha Course with our friends from St Andrews.

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith and to ask those questions you've always wanted to ask!

The Alpha Course starts on **Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm** at St Andrews. For more information or to register your interest please contact Vinny

explore
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Want to know more about the Christian faith?
Join our new **Alpha Course!**

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal way.

Each session lasts just over 1 hour and includes a short film, and time to chat and discuss the film over coffee and homemade cakes.

We have a new Alpha Course starting on **Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm at St Andrews Over Hulton!** For more information or to book your place contact Vinny (01204 658921) or e-mail: vinny@st-bede.org.uk

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.

There are invitations to our Christmas Services at the back of our church this Sunday and packs of invitations for local streets. Please do help yourself to these invitations to invite family and friends and if you can deliver invitations to your local street, please pick up your labelled pack.

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



Advent is turning off the lights before you bring in the birthday cake.



Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors
Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community

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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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