

8th December 2024



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

Editorial

2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Luke 3 v 1-6

We are in the zone are we not? It's Advent the time of preparation for the season of Christmas and for the celebration of the coming of our Lord and saviour all those 2000 years plus ago.

Our reading today from Luke 3 1-6 reminds us of the words of Isaiah which told us of the Lord's coming in the future. Once I had read the passage I could not stop singing "Prepare you the way of the Lord" from Gods Spell. The reading is saying we all need to prepare the way for the Lord in our individual lives, to be ready for his second coming, of course all those years ago Jesus was born in Bethlehem on that first Christmas night and fulfilled Isaiah's prophesy,

Luke is telling us about John the Baptist who was out there around the River Jordan baptising the people and telling them to repent their sins and to prepare for the coming of the Lord the Messiah

As followers of Christ, we must live our lives for Jesus to show genuine love, compassion and humility for our brothers and sisters who ever they are. Jesus tells us that as we do these things for our brothers and sisters then we are doing these for him also. We must give our life to Jesus and maintain contact with him by prayer and to be faithful to Jesus.

**Gill Blackburn - Authorised Lay
Minister & Churchwarden**



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 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.

Tuesday 10th December

1.30pm Heathfield School Visit

Taking place in church.

Wednesday 11th December

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us for our WOW Christmas Special as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at our last WOW of the year.

Friday 13th December

9.30am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Meeting in church

Sunday 15th 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.





St Bede Charity Partner 2024.



COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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 contributed selection boxes to this year's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign.

We smashed our target by collecting a final total of **1700** selection boxes for Christmas Dinner on Jesus!

The selection boxes were delivered to Urban Outreach this week and the hampers themselves will go out on the 23rd December!



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.



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





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

From	
Your message	
Donation made	Cash/Sum Up (please delete as applicable)

Please get this message to Tony before Wednesday 18th
December to be in the newsletter for Sunday 22nd December
tony@st-bede.org.uk

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



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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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