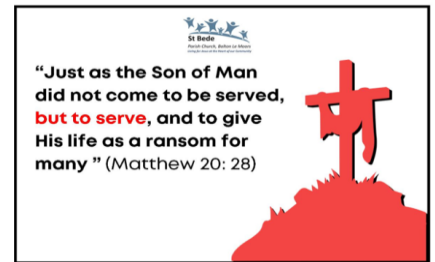


12<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Editorial

**The Baptism of Christ. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Reading: Matthew 20 v 20-28**

Last Sunday was Epiphany Sunday when we remembered the visit of the Magi, (the three Wise Men), they came to serve the Christ Child with their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, who Himself came with a charge from His Father, God to serve. Jesus fully understood His Mission of servanthood. The world was indeed in need of a Messiah, and the event had for hundreds of years been prophesied by the words of the Psalmist and the Prophets of Israel, but as Jesus Himself was a Jew and came for the Jew's, His servanthood was extended to you and I, the Gentiles (all the rest of the population of the world who were not Jewish!).

As God charged Jesus with servanthood to His Father, He has also charged us, those who have vowed to follow Jesus, to be servants unto Jesus and also the rest of the people we have contact with and meet, in person and remotely. Over the next six weeks our sermons will be teaching us particularly about what what Jesus teaches is at the heart of the Kingdom of God, and how God will assist us, once we have promised to follow His Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. A servant is yoked, to serve his master, however the Yolk which God made for us is 'tailor made', to fit perfectly, it will not rub nor chafe, it is made to fit perfectly, in fact we will not be aware that we are wearing a Yoke.

To all who read this short editorial, who have made a promise to follow Jesus and be a servant as He was. Make a point of seeking His Face daily and asking how we can best fulfil our calling as He fulfilled his calling to His Father, remembering that it is easy to be a Servant of His, if we remain In Him and He in us. Remember also that Jesus was a Radical in His times, ask Him also how we can be radical for God in 2025.

**Rev Malcolm**



## 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  
Norma M  
Freda  
Rebecca W  
Samantha W  
Emma H  
Chloe  
Alison H  
Rachael B  
John H  
Matthew B  
Gary, Poppy & Flo



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

# This week at St Bede

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

## 10am Holy Communion

Join us as we begin an exciting new series 'Serve' as we reflect on our call to follow the example of Jesus and serve one another as we seek to live for Jesus. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## 7.30pm PCC

Our PCC meets this evening in the Community Room

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

## 7.30pm Alpha

Our Joint Alpha Course with St Andrews begins this week at St Andrews.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

## 6.15pm WOW

Our midweek service, Worship on Wednesday, resumes this week with an exciting new series exploring Jesus' miracles.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

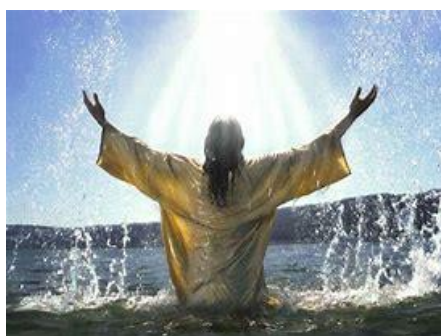
## 9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

## 10am Morning Service

Join us as we continue our sermon series 'Serve'. This week we are reflecting on the Motive to Serve. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' also meets this week.





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### COLLECT

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm** at St Andrews. For more information or to register your interest please contact Vinny

### KWEZ 60th PARTY

After the 10.45 service **today** there will be a party in St Andrew's Fellowship room to celebrate Kwez 60th party (the lady with pink hair who sings in the band and does prayers at St Andrews).

All are welcome to join her for a buffet and cakes following the service.

The party will run until 3.30pm for those who would like to join us after services at their own church.

Hope to see you on 12th.

Glynn (tel 07579 766453)



### BWFC SLEEPOUT



Join us on **Friday 21st March**, 8:00pm-7:00am for our annual sleepout. This inspiring event looks to raise awareness of homelessness in the Bolton Community whilst providing a unique experience and raising vital funds for Urban Outreach and Bolton Wanderers in the Community.

Give up your bed for one night and sleep under the stars, while gaining a small insight into the challenges faced by those without a place to call home. Sign up today at

[www.bwfc.org.uk/our-events](http://www.bwfc.org.uk/our-events)

### WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR BILLS?

With winter temperatures really setting in and the energy price increasing for many, now is the perfect time to lock in a fixed rate. Especially as it is predicted that there will be a further 3% increase in April.

Our new tariffs are priced to beat the January price cap, offering you fantastic value and long-term stability. These tariffs won't last forever, so don't wait! Remember, whether it's fixed tariffs that are preferred, or the flexibility of a variable tariff we have something for everyone. Our variable tariff remains the UK's cheapest when bundled with UW.

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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](mailto:vinny@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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