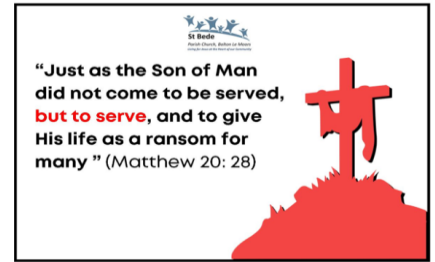


19<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Editorial

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Reading: Luke 7 v 11-17**

Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding guide is to that wondrous light. We have now passed through the festive seasons of advent and Christmas into epiphany a time when many of our orthodox brothers and sisters celebrate the feast of Christmas and when their revelries begin. The astronomical journey of the wise travellers from lands afar to Bethlehem brings up all sorts of themes to ponder. Journeys, reaching destinations, pursuing a cause, scouring a goal.

It was a long arduous journey for the magi, but they kept going and didn't give up. Christians too are to persevere and complete the journey, the race set before them for the rewards are eternal.

St. Paul described his journey as a Christian as if running a race, the goal being, not an ending but a new beginning with God, at one in his heavenly kingdom. Whatever your festive celebrations, may you be blessed this epiphany as you make your journey through life following god's guiding light, his son, Jesus Christ. Hopefully something you can use or edit for your article

Be blessed this epiphany, guided and accompanied by the astronomer almighty, as we traverse through life to his wonderful, perfect, light of love and life, his son, Jesus, Christ.

**Rev Sweetline**



## 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 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.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

## **7.30pm Alpha**

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

## **6.15pm WOW**

Our midweek service, Worship on Wednesday, continues this week as we explore Jesus' miracle of healing the paralysed man.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

## **9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship**

Taking place in church.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## **10am All-Age Service**

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our sermon series 'Serve' and reflect on how we have the power to serve others.





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
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St Bede Charity  
Partner 2025.



### COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in 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](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



### CHARITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: HOMELESSAID UK

This week our PCC agreed to nominate HomelessAid UK as our church charity partner for 2025!

HomelessAid UK run a foodbank here in Bolton, from the Surestore site on Manchester Road plus a street kitchen serving hot food, snacks and treats 5 nights a week including weekends serving over 100 homeless people and those struggling to manage each night.

It is financially totally dependent on donations of food, warm clothing, tents and sleeping bags. It is run and staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers who give their time willingly in all weathers.

HomelessAid UK also run food provision centres in Manchester and Leigh.

As a church we have a direct connection with HomelessAid UK as Sharron Howard works as a volunteer with the charity and Jill & Simon Brooks cook meals for them.



### Free Carer Gentle Yoga and Relaxation Sessions

Bolton Wanderers in the Community and Solasana Yoga are working together as part of Unlocking Wellbeing in Bolton to provide a 6 week block of FREE Relaxation Sessions to Carers in Bolton. This is the perfect opportunity to take some time to stretch and relax before a coffee and chat.

All sessions running 10:30am-12pm:

- Friday 7th Feb
- Friday 14th Feb
- Friday 21st Feb
- Friday 28th Feb
- Friday 7th March
- Friday 14th March

- Please wear comfortable and warm clothes
  - Bring a blanket and cushion
  - Places are limited
- Please contact Nirexa on [solasanayoga@gmail.com](mailto:solasanayoga@gmail.com) or 07396 204 593 to confirm your place.

Location  
Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton, BL1 7NP



**WALK OF HOPE**

RAISING AWARENESS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION IN BOLTON JOIN US

THE WALK OF HOPE TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2025.  
TIME: 12PM  
MEETING POINT: BOLTON TOWN HALL STEPS (NEAR THE COFFEE HOUSE)  
APPROXIMATE WALK LENGTH: 1.5 KM

AFTER THE WALK, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE HIVE 37 KNOWSLEY STREET BOLTON BL1 2AS FOR A BREW AND A CHAT HOSTED BY THE SAMARITANS, THIRD SPACE AND VICTORIA HALLS.

NEED HELP?  
SAMARITANS: 116 123  
SHOUT: TEXT "HELP" TO 85258  
BOLTON LISTENING LOUNGE: 01204 917 739  
GMMH CRISIS HELPLINE: 0800 953 0285

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE?  
ASK THEM DIRECTLY HOW THEY FEEL. IF THEY'RE AT RISK: CALL 999

As our charity partner of the year, we as a church will make a donation towards the charity and later in the year, we will invite a representative from HomelessAid UK to come and speak to us about their work in our Charity Partner Service.

For more information about HomelessAid UK please see their website:

[www.homelessaid.co.uk/bolton-food-bank](http://www.homelessaid.co.uk/bolton-food-bank)



## **Church Administrator**

Deane Church, Bolton

12 hours a week

**Are you passionate about enabling the efficient and effective running of an organisation?**

**Do you have excellent organisational skills and an eye for detail?**

**Would you like to be part of a team, seeking to serve God and build His Kingdom?**

**Yes? Then get in touch with us!**

Deane Church is a lively, diverse and growing Church of England congregation based in the suburbs of Bolton, Greater Manchester. We love helping people to meet with Jesus Christ... the way and the truth and the life... and to make the connections between the Bible and our lives. We are seeking to appoint someone with the necessary gifts and skills to help us work efficiently and effectively, releasing others to use their gifts by providing administrative support to our ministries, and developing new ways of working.

Hours: Part-time (12 hours per week)

Salary: £12.21 per hour

This is initially a 12 month fixed term contract.

This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

It is an Occupational Requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian of a denomination which is a member of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, in accordance with schedule 9 of the Equality Act, 2010.

For an informal chat contact Rev'd Terry Clark on 01204 61819 / [rectordeane@btinternet.com](mailto:rectordeane@btinternet.com)

For more information go to: [www.deanechurch.org/vacancies](http://www.deanechurch.org/vacancies)

Closing date for applications: **5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Start date: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**



## **Site Manager**

Deane Church, Bolton

5 hours a week

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We are seeking to appoint someone who can help us care for our buildings, including a Grade 2\* listed building, and a Georgian former schoolhouse, which now houses our Church Centre and Church Office.

If you have good practical skills, a love of caring well for historic buildings and an ability to work flexibly then this might be just the post for you!

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# WOW

Worship On Wednesday

Join us for our  
new all-age  
worship experience  
at St Bede Church

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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