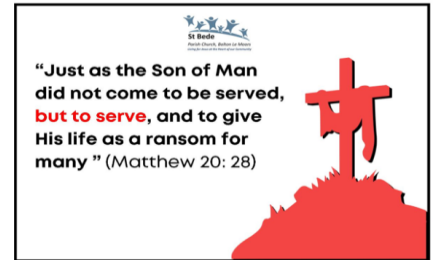


26th January 2025



Editorial

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Reading: Luke 8 v 22-25

In today's bible reading we learn how Jesus is exhausted after teaching the crowds and performing miracles and so instructs his disciples to get the boat for them to go over to the other side of the lake, the Sea of Galilee. Due to his exhaustion, Jesus falls asleep on the boat. Verse 23 tells us that a windstorm came down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. These experienced sailors were in danger of losing their lives on the lake that night. We see the contrast between Jesus and the disciples. Jesus was sleeping through a hurricane-like storm, while the disciples were fighting for their lives to keep the boat afloat and prevent them drowning. They realised that they were losing the battle with the windstorm and fearing that they were going to drown, they woke Jesus from his sleep. We can imagine the emotions they were feeling at that point, and I am sure that they didn't tap him gently on the shoulder, perhaps more like screaming and shouting at Jesus and begging him to help, as by this point, they would have been frightened and frantic as they knew that they were about to lose their lives.

As we read on, we see that Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and raging waves and there was calm. Normally, when the wind dies down after a storm, the sea still churns for a long period afterwards, but in this miracle both the wind and the raging waters stopped immediately and there was absolute calm. Here, Jesus puts aside his tiredness and takes hold of the opportunity to serve his friends by showing his disciples that he could speak the storm into complete and absolute calm.

Today's reading reminds us that serving others is not always easy and can often be difficult and draining but when we come to Jesus for help, even in the storms of life, he gives us the energy and the power we need to keep on serving.

Carol Hardman - Authorised Lay Minister



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 26th 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.

Tuesday 28th January

7.30pm Alpha

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

Wednesday 22nd January

6.15pm WOW

Our midweek service, Worship on Wednesday, continues this week as we explore Jesus' miracle of healing Jairus' daughter.

Sunday 2nd February

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age worship this morning as we explore the question 'Who should we serve?'





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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



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.

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

FUNDRAISING 2025

The Fundraising & Social Team have been busy organising the events for 2025, starting with a 'Beetle Drive' on **Friday February 28th** at 7.00pm at the Elsmere Club. Posters and Tickets are available from TODAY!

The schedule of events are below but we are looking for donations of **Easter Eggs now** for our Easter Bingo in April. We need all sizes so as they are already on the Supermarket shelves, please donate what you can! Thank you.

28th February – Beetle Drive

29th March – Traditional Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

4th April – Easter Egg Bingo

16th May – Race Night

5th July – Summer Fair

12th September – Pudding Night!

3rd October – Harvest Supper Quiz

22nd November (TBC) – Christmas Fayre

Please support these events where you can.



BEETLE DRIVE



Friday 28th February 2025

7.00pm

Ellesmere Club, Ellesmere Road, Bolton

Tickets: £6.00 Adult £3.00 Children and £15 Family Ticket

includes Supper

What is it? 'Beetle' is quite a simple game of rolling dice and drawing a beetle, but when you run it as a beetle drive you add in the element of moving tables after each game. It makes for a lively and sociable event for all the family.

Advance tickets only – email fundraising@st-bede.org.uk
or book via our Facebook page
or in person at Church





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

For more information go to: www.deanechurch.org/vacancies

Closing date for applications: **5pm on Friday 21st February 2025**

Start date: **Monday 7th 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





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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