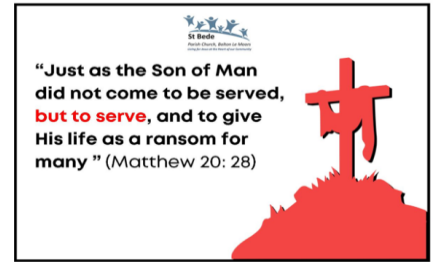


2nd February 2025



Editorial

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Reading: Luke 8 v 40-56

This week we are thinking of whom we should serve. It seems strange to actually think whom we should serve but perhaps it's a case of priorities. In the busy lives we lead we often have to decide which action we first need to take. Even Jesus had to ascertain what to do in which order.

Jairus a synagogue leader had knelt at Jesus feet and pleaded him to come and heal his daughter aged about 12 years old who was very ill. A well-known religious leader Jairus was aware that shortly his beloved daughter would be dead. A terrible realisation for any parent. He had raised her almost to adulthood but was now powerless to save her life.

He must have heard of Jesus healing different people and pleaded with Him to save his daughters life. As Jesus was on his way to Jairus house a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years touched his cloak. In spite of the crush of people Jesus was aware of power leaving him. The woman admitted she had touched Jesus and was healed. We don't know how Jairus reacted at Jesus delaying to go to his house. Even worse a servant then came to say that Jairus daughter had now died.

It could have been a case of if only Jesus had not delayed and why had he stopped on the way to an important healing, but no he continued on to Jairus house and his daughter was healed .

What we can realise is that Jesus timing was and is always perfect. Why because He alone knows the full and perfect picture. We only see part of what is going on in our lives therefore it is vital that we seek his way and that we let him guide us to his priorities in his time. John Wesley said that the busier he was the more he needed to pray . That's spiritual food for thought. What we can realise that there is time each day for what God wants us to do and just as importantly He will lead us to the people, he wants us to serve. We do not need to strive or run around in circles to serve our fellow human beings but to just ask God to show us in His way and His time who to serve and to be obedient to His reply. Amen

Pat Bristow – Reader Emeritus



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 2nd February

10am Family Communion

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

Tuesday 4th February

1.15pm Funeral of Irene Crook

Irene's funeral is taking place this afternoon here in church. Irene was a former member of our congregation. Please do keep Irene's family and friends in your prayers.

7.30pm Alpha

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

Wednesday 5th February

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly luncheon club meets again this week. Join us for a 2-course lunch and an opportunity to make new friends. To book your place contact Elaine Almond.

6.15pm WOW

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

Thursday 6th February

7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting as we pray for ourselves, our church and our community.

Friday 7th February

9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church.

Sunday 2nd February

10am Family Communion

Join us as we continue our 'Serve' series by reflecting on how we can give our lives to serving others. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.



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COLLECT

God of heaven, you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life 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

visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR code below




PRAYER AT 7

Our monthly prayer meeting Prayer at 7 is on again this week. Each 1st Thursday of the month; we are invited to gather as a church to pray for ourselves, our church and our wider community.

We only meet for 30 minutes in the Community Room, yet it is so important that we do pray corporately as the church because when we pray we see God powerfully at work in answering our prayers.


Even if you've never been before; please do join us as we come together as a church to pray.

CANDLEMAS

Jesus beckons us to come to him for rest and refreshment.
"Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."
 In today's frenetic world we all need time and space to slow down, relax and take stock.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a service in the Taize style. The service will be around 40 minutes with prayers, readings, silence, together with Taize music to draw us into a closer relationship with our friend Jesus and the peace that only He can give.



**St Katharine's Church
Blackrod
6.00pm
Sunday 2nd February
2025**

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 – 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



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





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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