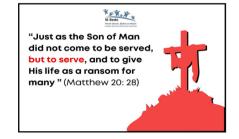


NEWSLETTER

7th December 2025





Editorial

2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Matthew 3 v 1-12

This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him' (Matthew 3 v 3)

Have you ever been lost? Perhaps you've been lost in a new town or city you've never visited before or got lost on a long car journey? It can feel guite scary when you are lost and you don't know which way to go.

Many years before Jesus was born; the people of Israel were in exile and living in a foreign land. Many of them felt lost and homesick. Yet God spoke words of hope through the prophet Isaiah that one day God would return and help his people find forgiveness, healing and hope again.

The reason why John the Baptist referred to the prophet Isaiah was to make clear to the crowds that these words of hope from long ago were coming true and fulfilled in the coming of Jesus.

As we continue our journey through Advent this week, we focus on the prophets who like a SatNav point us to Jesus in whom all our hopes are fulfilled.

Perhaps you are feeling lost in life at the moment? Why not use this season of Advent to reflect on the prophets who point us to Jesus, and may you find the hope and new life that is found in Christ alone.

Vinny





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

Tania



This Week at St Bede

Sunday 7th December

10am Holy Communion

Worship with us as we continue our journey through Advent by reflecting on the role of the prophets in preparing the world for the coming of Jesus.

Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Wednesday 10th December

2pm Baby Bede Nursery Nativity

Baby Bede Nursery are holding their nativity in church this afternoon.

6pm WOW Christmas Special (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us for our final WOW of the year as we hold our WOW Christmas Special with games, crafts and carols.

Sunday 14th December

10am Holy Communion

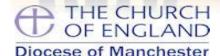
Journey with us through the Advent Season as we reflect on the ministry of John the Baptist and how he pointed people to Jesus.

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St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



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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

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



CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS: THANKS A TONNE!

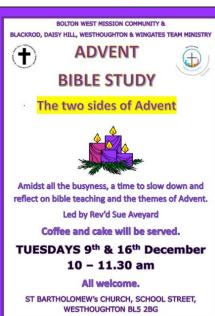
Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign

Together St Bede and St Andrews managed to collect 2,000 cartons of custard. That is a tonne (1000 kg) of custard!

As you can see from the picture, all the custard was safely delivered to Urban Outreach this week and 1,600+ individuals and families will now be able to have custard with their Christmas pudding this year.

Thank you so much for your amazing support!





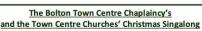
ST BEDE CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

We are delighted to announce details of our Christmas Services here at St Bede.

Our theme this year is Joy and we'll be reflecting on how we can discover the true joy of Christmas as we celebrate Christmas

Please do make a note of our services and use this as an opportunity to invite family and friends to St Bede this Christmas.











All are welcome on a

Christmas Singalong

On Bolton Market

Tuesday 16th December at 11am

(Meet in the seating area in the centre of Bolton Market from 10-45am.

- Singing a combination of Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs
 No singing talent required! Just turn up on the day and sing your
 - heart out!

 Song sheets and musical accompaniment provided
- Great chance to meet others from the Bolton community
 Light refreshments after the singing at 12 noon for all participants prepared by the Bolton Market Traders

For more information please contact Keith Armstrong on tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk or 07500928573







Discover the Joy of Christmas at St Bede Church



Join us for our all-age service as we sing carols and make Christingles Staff and Pupils from St Bede Academy will also be taking part in our service.

Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve 6.30pm Pop Up Nativity Crib Service

This is your chance to star in a Nativity!

Please come dressed up as your
favourite Nativity Character.

Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Celebration with Communion

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus









DECK THE HALLS... AND THE NEWSLETTER! 🎄



As St Bede tradition goes, we're swapping Christmas cards for something even better – your festive messages in our newsletter!

Instead of spending on cards, why not sprinkle that cheer as a donation? It's the season of giving, after all!

Simply fill in the form and get it to **Tony Whitehead** by **Wednesday 17th December** – so your message can shine bright in the newsletter on Sunday 21st December.

Let's make this Christmas less about envelopes and more about smiles! 🌞







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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