



# NEWSLETTER- April 2010

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Website: <http://www.st-bede.org.uk>

## St Bede's

### Parish Directory

- Priest-in-charge:  
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- Churchwardens:  
Mr D Waller 650762  
Mr D Vause 667261  
Assistant Churchwarden:  
Mrs S Hardman 700848
- Readers:  
Mr M Bristow 659816  
Mrs P Bristow 659816
- Verger:  
Mrs S Corkin 656177
- Treasurer:  
Mrs J Waller 657319

### St Bedes' Service Pattern

#### Maundy Thursday

1 April : 7.30 pm.

Informal Communion

#### Good Friday 2 April :

10 am. Good Friday Workshops for all ages, with a short time of worship, hot cross buns and coffee.

#### Easter Sunday 4 April :

10am. All Age Communion

#### Sunday 11 April :

10.00 am - Family Service/  
Church Parade

#### Sunday 18 April :

10 am  
Morning Prayer  
Children's Church.

#### Sunday 25 April :

10 am  
Holy Communion

## SPRINGING TO LIFE

At last there are signs of spring.

I woke early to hear a beautiful dawn chorus the other day. Snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses are appearing alongside many other shoots. Things hidden in the ground are now coming to life. Our garden has been neglected for quite a while. Now with some pretty hard pruning and clearing, lots of things are surfacing and bursting with life and beauty and hope. It is as if things have been dead and buried but are coming to life again.

Jesus said, that unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it lives alone. So it is seen in nature. The small bulbs and often tiny seeds are in the ground

as if dead. But life springs out of them and something is produced which is much fuller and greater than you could imagine from looking at the seed or bulb.

When Jesus said this he was using a picture from nature to speak of himself. He was going to suffer and die and be buried. But the outcome was to be unimaginably wonderful. His rising to life shows that nothing can separate us from God's love and that he is victorious over the worst things that can happen. Jesus enters the world and experiences the worst thing that life can throw at him. He suffers just as we do. He has entered our suffer-

ing and now we can enter His victory. This is the great news of Easter as we enter this great season.

It is now 2000 years since the seed of Jesus body was, as it were, sown into the ground. It was not a pointless failure. He died and rose again and true to the saying does not abide alone. Many millions of us now, and millions over the years, share the forgiveness he gives and the resurrection life. Much fruit has been borne.

A very happy and hopeful Easter to all.

Tim Ashworth

## Social Events

Freda Turner / Gill Blackburn

Dates for your diary:

### Quiz:

Wed 07/04/10 at 7.30 pm.  
Over Hulton Conservative Club.

Admission by ticket only.  
Adult £4.50, Child £ 2 (inc  
pasty/peas supper.  
Tickets—Tele: 61016 (by  
4/4/10 at the latest)

Social Events Meeting:

Jubilee Lounge  
19/4/10— 7.30 pm:  
All Welcome!

Family Bowling  
Night:

Saturday 8 May 2010 at  
Hollywood Bowl, Middle-  
brook. Cost approx. £3.50.  
Names on sheet in  
porch a.s.a.p. please.

St Bede's Weekend:

Friday 21/5/2010  
Beetle Drive (includes  
potato pie supper)  
Adult £3.00, Child £1.50  
Sunday 23/5/2010  
Gift Day

Family Quiz:

Friday 9/7/10—Details to  
follow soon.

St Bede's Afternoon Tea on 20.3.10 raised £151.40. Many thanks to all who supported the event, helped and baked cakes. Raffle prizewinners were: Sandra Cooke - wine. Tony Cooke - chocolates. Kath Carrodus - Rose wine. Ken Kelly - Ferrero Roche. Marlene Johnson - Carribean Twist. Frank Wolstencroft - Natural Collection. Irene Smith - Cider.

## BOOK CORNER—



We have a Book Stall at the back of church.

Come and see the selection available. Ideal gifts for family and friends.

## Greetings Cards—

We also have a wide selection of greetings cards for every occasion available at reasonable prices.

## Christian Broadcasting

Trans World Radio (TWR) is to launch on DAB digital radio on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

TWR has never faltered in its commitment to exploring every possible way to communicate the Christian message.

The Christian broadcaster will be available to DAB listeners in the North West of England. TWR currently broadcasts on satellite channel 0138, Freesat channel 790, online at [twr.org.uk](http://twr.org.uk) and at selected times on Short Wave and Medium Wave.

## MONEY MATTERS

The cost of running the church of St Bede's **each week is £593**. The weekly collections for the last 4 weeks were: £464.92, £291.37, £276.70, £215.00. As you can see, the weekly collections the church receives are unfortunately consistently less than the amount we require. Please help us to keep the church doors open each week. If it is possible, please consider whether your donations could be increased.

**Don't forget, if you are a UK taxpayer, you can GIFT AID your donation too. Envelopes are available for this. Please see Sharron Hardman for further details.**

St Bede's AGM— Sunday 25 April 2010 after the morning service at 11.30 am. The deadline for items for the agenda will be 11/4/10. Reports from all organisations including Church Wardens, are required for the AGM. The deadline for these will be 1/4/10.

## Wives Group

Wednesday 14 April at 1.30 pm in the Community Room.

A showing of 'Forever Vienna'. An enjoyable musical extravaganza Everyone welcome.

Refreshments & Entrance £1.00.

## Ladies Fellowship

Meetings: 8 April & 22 April at 2.30 pm in the Community Room.

Refreshment Rota—D Ridyard & D Jones.

New members are very welcome.

Remembering a loved one.

If you wish to place an inscription in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Mrs Judith Kelleway (01204) 657326. Cost of inscription is £5.00 .

## Rotas

### Sidespersons Rota

4/4/2010 : E Horrocks, S Roberts

11/4/2010 : K Carrodus, M Wolstencroft

18/4/2010 : A Horrocks, H Platt

25/4/2010 : S Hardman, I Hulse

### Coffee Rota

4/4/2010 : Kathleen & Irene

11/4/2010 : Lisa & Sandra

18/4/2010 : Christina & Martin

25/4/2010 : Cherrith & Gill

### Flower Rota

4/4/2010 :

11/4/2010 :

18/4/2010 :

25/4/2010 :

If you wish to donate to the church flowers, please see the verger



