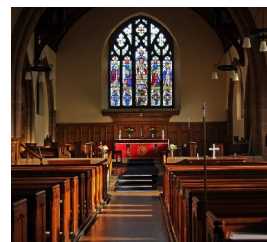


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St Bede's

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St Bedes' Service Pattern

Sunday 3 October :
10.00 am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 10 October :

HARVEST

8.45 am: Holy Communion

10.00 am: Holy :Communion

Sunday 17 October :
10.00 am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 October :

BIBLE SUNDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 31 October:

ALL SAINTS' DAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

Good Stewards of God's Gifts

As God's people how clever are we in using the resources God has given us?

According to Tom Wright, recently retired Bishop of Durham, one of the points Jesus was making in the strange story he told about a steward who cheated his master (Luke 16 v 1 – 15) is that we could be a lot cleverer, wiser and more creative.

One of the things I have been concerned about for a long time is how we use our buildings. What a great building we have at St Bede's! But it is only used about six hours a

week. The reality is that at the moment we are struggling to even maintain it. A building like ours costs a lot to keep up, so how long can we go on like this?

What if we aimed to use it for more of the 94 daytime hours of each week? How might the building be developed in order to make that more possible?

The challenge that faces us, along with many others in the Church of England, is to think and pray about how our building can be more fully used in serving the community and the Kingdom of God. Tom Wright

says that we need to be much more creative and think unconventionally.

This is something the PCC will be looking at over the next few months.

What might God's plans for us and our building be?

Please pray about this and if you come up with any fresh ideas, no matter how radical, please pass them on. Do talk to Gill and Sharron as Churchwardens or Viv and Tim.

Tim Ashworth

Harvest Festival Service—Sunday 10 October 2010

In celebration and thanksgiving for God's bountiful goodness, we are once again asking for goods for the Harvest Festival service to be donated to the BOLTON WINTER WATCH project. The list of goods that are needed will be displayed in the Foyer.

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month. This will commence at 9.45 am with coffee/tea and biscuits and end no later than 11.00 am. The next Prayer Group is on Saturday 16 October and then on Saturday 20 November and Saturday 18 December.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP—Thursday 7 October and Thursday 21 October at 2.30 pm in the Community Room. New members will be made very welcome.

WIVES' GROUP—Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 1.30 pm. The Wives Group welcome you all to a very interesting and poignant meeting. John and Michelle Seddon are coming to speak to us about the project they have undertaken to 'Street Life' to which they are committed to supporting vulnerable children in Kirwe, Zambia.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Freda Turner / Cherrith Price

HARVEST SUPPER -

Friday 8 October 2010. 7.30 pm in the Community Room.

For tickets, please enquire Freda Turner 01204 652586.

Remember to bring own drinks.

Please bring an item for 'Winter Watch'.

CANDLE PARTY—

Wednesday 27 October at 7.00 pm in Community Room. Cheese & wine. Admission £2.00. Tickets from Freda Turner.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE—

Saturday 20 November 2010. 10.30 am—2.30 pm at St Bedes' Primary School.

To be opened by Rev Granville Spedding and the School Choir. Stalls, Games, Raffles, Tombola, Father Christmas, Café. Draws to take place at 2.00 pm.

Programmes/Tickets will be available soon.

Donations of goods—Boxes will be available underneath the pews at the back of church for donations of goods as follows:

Soft toys, bottles (for tombola), gifts, nearly new (no bric-a-brac please), cakes and home-made produce, toys and games, bathroom (sets only), donations for grand draw, books and CDs.

ANNUAL QUIZ 2010

This year's theme is sweets and confectionary. Entry forms are £1.00 each available from Joyce Bancroft or Bette Holme.

Please join in the fun and help to swell church funds.

THANK YOU— Dorothy Jones would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind wishes following her recent surgery.

EMMAUS COURSE

The Emmaus course takes place on Thursdays at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage. The course is a good way of learning more about our faith in a small friendly group.

The autumn programme will look at 'The Holy Spirit' and 'Growing in Prayer':

'Come Holy Spirit'

- 7 October—The transforming Holy Spirit
- 14 October—The empowering Holy Spirit

'Growing in Prayer'

- 28 October—Our Father in Heaven
- 4 November—Your kingdom come
- 11 November - Give us this day
- 18 November—Yours is the kingdom

Please let Viv or Tim know if you wish to come along - (01204) 654016.

Fellowship of Vocation

Bolton and Salford Archdeaonries

Is God calling you?

Not quite sure which way to go?

Want to explore with like-minded people in a safe environment? Why not join the Fellowship of Vocation.

Contact Rev Anne Edwards (01942) 822324 or Rev Jeremy Brading (01942) 819569

URGENTLY WANTED!— We require an Assistant Church Warden to help out the existing Church Wardens as and when required, but particularly for the next 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested in this position, please see Gill or Sharron for further details.

Sidespersons Rota

03/10/2010 : M Horrocks, H Platt
 10/10/2010 : A Horrocks, B Redford
 17/10/2010 : E Horrocks, S Roberts
 24/10/2010 : R Turner, I Hulse
 31/10/10 : K Carrodus, M Wolstencroft

Coffee Rota

03/10/2010 : Jean and friend
 10/10/2010 : Irene and friend
 17/10/2010 : Kathleen and Irene
 24/10/2010 : Lisa and Sandra
 31/10/10 : Christine and Martin

Church Flowers

If you wish to provide or donate to the church flowers, please see the vergger for further information.

