



**Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green  
and St Chad, South Hill**



**Parish News**

**Easter Sunday, 2021**

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**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and [www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group.

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*Dear Friends,*

*The message of Easter has a new impact on our lives after the year we have all gone through. We are the "Easter People". Whatever darkness or struggle we pass through we know that the darkness and pain of Good Friday is always the gateway to Easter Day. Life is renewed. Death and darkness are never the end of the story. Jesus, our Lord and Our God, is alive and with us now. He asks us to trust in what He has shown us through His journey through Good Friday to Easter morning.*

*Today is a good moment to be grateful. On our journey through this past year God has been at our side at every moment. Sometimes He cares for us through the kindness of those around us. Sometimes He quietly gives us the energy to keep going and to hope again. I'm very grateful for the kindness and support that I have received from many different members of our parishes. We all have a list of people we can thank God for today. We don't make this journey on our own. Take time to thank God for the people who walk with us each day. Each one of them is His gift and a visible sign of His care for us.*

*All our parishioners owe a big 'thank you' to the many members of our community who have helped keep our parishes alive and active this year. Thank you to those who have taken on roles to enable our worship in church to continue and who have helped us to celebrate Easter in such a fitting way. Thank you to those who have quietly lived out their faith in simply checking in on people, praying for others at home and doing what they can for those around them. God sees it all and it brings Him joy.*

*My prayer for all of us is that the joy of God's love revealed to us again this Easter, stays with us through the year. May we all be faithful witnesses to the trust, hope and joy we have found in Him.*

*May you know the quiet joy of the certainty that Jesus is alive and is always at your side. God bless you.*

*Fr Mark*

**Masses times for Easter week.**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Holy Saturday**

8pm St Bede's Parishioners

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday**

9.15am St Chad's In Thanksgiving

11am St. Bede's Margaret-Mary Bolton

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am St Chad's Suzanne Leigh (In Memory)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am St Bede's Gabrielle Myerscough

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

No Mass

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am St Chad's Michael Walsh

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am St Bede's Michael Marsden (RIP)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April

6pm St. Bede's Gabrielle Myerscough

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am St Chad's Parishioners

11am St Bede's Barry Hiccox

**Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:**

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Eileen Farnworth, Pat Johnson, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Margaret Drinkwater, Tony Miller, Tony Morris, Marie Barnish, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Margaret-Mary Bolton, Margaret Gardner, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Rose Sanderson, Mark Smith, Clare Yarwood and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**Live streaming of our Masses**

Mass from our parishes is being streamed on our Facebook page. Go to Facebook and look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede" and request to join the group. *If the sound on the livestream isn't great you can try using earphones or connecting your device to a speaker to improve the volume.*

You can use this site <https://www.churchservices.tv/county/lancashire/> to find **lots of other Masses being streamed**. Follow the link to see Mass streamed from St Joseph's, Chorley, St Gregory's, Leyland St Mary's, and Brownedge St Mary's. These churches have better equipment for livestreaming and you may find the quality of the sound and images better.

**COVID-19 Regulations:** Holy Communion may not be taken to people in their homes at the present time. Please ring Fr. Mark on 01257 460154 if you would like to keep more in touch with the parish. It would be great to hear from you even if just for a chat on the phone.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

At present due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to celebrate this sacrament in the confessional. If anyone would like to make their confession, please telephone Fr Mark on 01257 460154 and we can arrange to meet outside one of our churches.

**Links for activities to help our children pray are on our Facebook page and on our parish websites**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Holy-week-prayers>

**Activity suggestions**

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and to write or draw their hopes for the world in the rays of light.

Cut cloud shapes out of card. Ask the children to write or draw their hopes for the world on the cloud.

Ask the children to write their own Easter prayer

<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/22887/159603/version/5/file/Easter%20Sunday.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRLxugEtqx8&list=RDQMAvjdidgJUKI&index=6>

To sing along to "This is the day that the Lord has made"

**Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank** the volunteers and recipients of the foodbank wish to thank all the parishioners for their continuing support in providing a wide range of good quality food. **Donations can still be made at Morrison's in Bamber-Bridge.** Your generosity enables us to deliver essential food items to nearly thirty families. We are now in a good position to offer help to more families and individuals in need. We cover Bamber Bridge, Clayton Brook, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. If you need food or know of anyone who needs support with food, please contact [tony.bctfb42@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bctfb42@gmail.com) or telephone 07751361960 **Gift Aid** envelopes are now available for the new tax year at the back of St Chad's Church. Please let us know if you are not currently attending church but would like us to pass on your envelopes to you. **If you would like to Gift Aid your offering to the church please get in touch. We receive an additional 25% from the government for any donation made through Gift Aid by anyone who pays tax in the UK. This makes a really big difference to our parish finances.**

**Keeping in touch with your parish.** Last year we began collecting the contact information of our parishioners. Personal information legislation means that we are unable to store your details or contact you at home without your written consent. Thanks to all those who have completed one of our contact information forms. We are now able to send our newsletter electronically to over 100 homes in our parishes. Please complete one of our parish registration forms which are at the back of church and on our parish websites if you would like to keep in touch with us or receive our weekly newsletter by e-mail. Thank you.