

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

Parish News

Easter Sunday
17th April 2022



Dear Friends,

Happy Easter to you. Jesus has passed through the darkness of Calvary, into the light and life of the resurrection. He is alive and with us on our journey, now and at every moment of our lives. Let's offer Him today our humble thanks for the gift of unending life He has given us. He is truly Risen. Alleluia.

All of us owe a big 'thank you' today to the many members of our community who continue to help keep our parishes alive and active, worshipping God and serving our community. Thank you to those who have taken on roles to enable our worship in church to continue and to those who have helped us to celebrate Easter in such a fitting way. People clean our buildings, arrange flowers, take Holy Communion to the housebound, prepare our children for the reception of Holy Communion, assist at funerals, act as stewards, read at our services, lead times of prayers, lead the singing, maintain our buildings, church grounds and graveyards and serve us in many other ways.

Without the generosity of those who are able to share their gifts and their time our parishes could not continue. Our thanks go to them all. New volunteers of course are always needed and are always very welcome.

Thank you also to those who quietly live out their faith each day by simply caring for others, serving at their places of work, 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.

Please keep your parish in your prayers. We are a work in progress. Pray that we all continue to grow in our love of God and of our brothers and sisters.

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

Fr Mark



We are hoping to start “Little Church” again at St Chad’s. If you would like to help our children learn more about their faith, please get in touch. You will work as part of a team and will only have to help once a month. Volunteers need to have a parish DBS check. Please let Fr Mark know if you are able to help. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of our **Little Church team at St Bede’s** please get in touch. A few more people to help would be very welcome.

Thank you.

Holy Communion at Home. If any of our parishioners are not able to attend Mass, please let us know. It may be possible to arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home each week. Please ring Fr Mark on 01257 460154 if you would like to request Holy Communion at home.

If any of our Special Ministers of Holy Communion are able to take Holy Communion to one of the Nursing homes in St Bede’s parish, please let us know. Thank you.

We are hoping to put a rota together for Special Ministers of Holy Communion at St Bede’s for the weekend Masses. If you have been commissioned as a Special Minister and would like to go on the rota, please let Fr Mark know. Thank you.

Thanks for your generosity to our Lenten Appeals.

We raised £1,187.27 at St Bede’s and £695.50 at St Chad’s for Ukraine, and £523.25 at St Bede’s and at £201.56 St Chad’s for the CAFOD Fast Day appeal. Any money donated in our Easter collections will go to the support of your parish. Bills for all of us are increasing. Not everyone will be able to afford to give much to the church at the moment, but if anyone is able to donate to help us cover the costs involved in keeping our churches going, your help is much appreciated. Thank you.

St Chad’s Choir are looking to recruit a few new members as our numbers have reduced over the past few years. If you would like to join, as a singer or musician, please make your way up the stairs at the back of church to the choir loft before the Sunday Mass where you will be made very welcome.

The Feast of Divine Mercy. Sunday 24th April 2022 at St. Mary’s, Leyland. Arrivals from 2.30pm. Commencing with prayer at 3pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Healing, Benediction and Holy Mass at 5pm. All are welcome. Copies of the Novena of prayer in preparation for the feast are available at the back of church.

For ideas to support your child to pray at home this weekend please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
Copies of the pictures for this Sunday are available at the back of church.

Misso APF Booklets are available for the back of both churches, for all the Mill Hill Red Box holders and any other parishioners who would like to take one.

Live Simply. With the help of CAFOD we are going to look at how our two parish communities can better support those struggling both in our community and abroad, how we can take better care of the world God has given us, and how we can deepen our appreciation of God's gifts in our daily lives. Much of this will build on the many good things that are already being done in our parishes.

Our next meeting will be at St Chad's Parish Centre on Monday 25th April at 7pm. Everyone who is interested in volunteering or just learning more about the Live Simply scheme is very welcome to come along. Tea and coffee will be served from 6.45pm.

We have received this request from a member of our parish this week.

Dear Friends, I am a director of Epiphany Trust local charity and we have worked in Romania for over 30 years. We are currently supporting Ukrainian refugees throughout Romania and I was there last week. We are currently supporting a family in Romania who have fled from Kharkiv who wish to get to the UK. They are a lovely couple in their 60s with a daughter in her 30s who is severely disabled (acquired brain injury). We as a charity are happy to support in whatever capacity we can, be it financial, translation, medical support etc. but we are struggling to find suitable accommodation with the required accessibility, be it downstairs accommodation or a stair lift etc in place. If you think you may be able to help this family by offering accommodation, please get in touch. 07947 234480 sharon@epiphany.org.uk.

With thanks, Sharon

St Bede's Parish Office.

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday 4th May for staff annual leave and will reopening on Tuesday 24th May. Please be patient with us if it takes a day or two to respond to your enquiries. For all requests and enquiries you can contact

Fr Mark on 01257 460154

or by either parish e-mail address. Thank you.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Eileen Farnworth, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Tony Morris, Elizabeth Cook, Helen Witte, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Hazel Melling, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Mary Hiccox and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Masses and Services this week



Saturday 16 th April	Easter Vigil	
8pm	St. Bede's	For the bereaved
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday (PW1)	
9.15am	St. Chad's	Frank Billington
11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 18 th April		
<u>11am</u>	St. Chad's	Frances Tooher (RIP)
Tuesday 19 th April		
9.15am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Wednesday 6 th April		No Mass
Thursday 21 st April	9.15am	St. Chad's Fred & Eileen Southworth
Friday 22 nd April		
9.15am	St. Bede's	Nicholaspillai Mariathan
Saturday 23 rd April		
6pm	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Sunday 24 th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (PW2)	
9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
11am	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and
www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"
Masses are streamed several times each week on this page.

E-mail: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open this week on

Tuesday 10-4pm, Thursday 10-4pm and Friday 10-3pm.

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