



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

# Parish News

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Year A. 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## **Poinsettias at Christmas**

St Chad's and St. Bede's will be decorating our churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a donation of £6 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or put it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

**Gift Aid envelopes** are now available the back of St Bede's Church. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Details of how to do this are on our parish websites and notice boards. Thank you.

**A Family Christmas Bingo** will be held in St Chad's Parish Centre on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-8.30pm. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments will be available. We would be grateful for donations of items for prizes such as selection boxes, chocolate Fr Christmas etc. There will be a box at the back of St. Chad's Church from November 6th for gift items.

**St Chad's Craft Group.** The craft group meets every **Tuesday** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Chad's Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

**St Chad's Reading Group.** The next meeting of the reading group is on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre. Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome.

**St Bede's Prayer Group** will take a break now until the New Year.

## **Christmas Raffle.**

Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale after all Masses to raise money to support your parish, to be drawn the Sunday before Christmas. Tickets cost £1. We will make a few hampers of donated prizes for the winners. Anything that would be nice to receive in a Christmas Hamper is very welcome. ***Please leave your donations in the Sacristy of either church. Thank you.***

**Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal.** Chorley Buddies are collecting new presents for children in our area who might not receive a gift this Christmas. You can leave any donations at the back of church or hand them in to either presbytery. The gifts will be distributed in the days before Christmas by Chorley Council. Your donation should be handed in by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December to allow time for them to be collected, sorted and wrapped.

**Little Church volunteers are needed for our Sunday morning Masses.** If your DBS check has been completed, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Fr Mark and we can let you know how to get involved in supporting the faith of the younger members of our parishes.

**Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?** Preparation is offered in your parish for anyone who would like to become a Catholic, either to be baptised as an adult or, if they were baptised in another Christian denomination, to be received into full Communion in the Catholic Church. If you, or anyone in your family would like to take part please get in touch. We are happy to give you more information about what is involved in joining the Catholic Church. Please let us know if we can help.

**St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres** are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. For enquiries about our rates and conditions of use for St Bede's Parish Centre please call Aidan on 01257 271818 and for St Chad's Parish Centre please call 07719718523. If you get the answer phone, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

**The St Vincent de Paul Group** at St Bede's parish have faithfully served those in need in our community for many years. Families and individuals in difficulty have been supported by the members of the group through donations from our parishioners. Over the past two or three years the number of members of the St Bede's "SVP" has fallen considerably and we are now looking for new volunteers to allow this good work to continue. If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details in the parish office and a member of the group will be in touch. Thank you.

**The Community Larder** will be open 9.30am to 11.30am **Monday** and **Friday** at **St. Aidan's**, 46 Station Road, Bamber Bridge. PR5 6QL.

Tel: 07762905978 or Email: [foodbankbct@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankbct@gmail.com)

**Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Food left at the back of St Bede's goes to the Community Larder.**

### **Christmas Cards to the Holy Land.**

For many years now St Bede's have supported, the Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission in sending greeting cards to show solidarity with people, parishes and schools in the Holy Land and Jordan. Greeting cards provide a simple but effective way to offer our encouragement, support and prayers to fellow Christians who are suffering isolation or persecution. St Bede's has been paired with: Fr Amjad Sabbara at St Saviour Church in Jerusalem, and Rev Nerwan Al-Banna, O.F.M. at the church of Saint James in Beit Hanina.

*Please use the Christmas cards provided, or your own if you prefer, making sure that any cards you send are religious and not secular. Write your own personal message in the card, insert one of the Arabic/ English greeting slips (if you wish). Write on the envelope either St Saviours or St. James depending on who you have chosen. There is no need to address the envelope. The quickest and surest way to get the cards delivered to the Holy Land is for them to be parcelled up and mailed out together. Please seal the envelope but do not put a stamp on it. Please bring your completed cards to Church and put them in the box in the porch by no later than **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like to make a small contribution towards postage costs, please leave it in the box with your card. Many thanks for your support.*

### **Christmas cards for Prisoners in Garth and Wymott Prison.**

We have received a request for religious Christmas cards for the prisoners. Envelopes must not be sealed and only sign with Christian name (not surname). Please can cards be returned to St. Bede's Church by **11<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.



**Altar servers.** Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved.  
Thank you.

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

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

**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"

**E-mail:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or [stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)

**St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209**

**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for all enquiries.**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. Telephone 01257 460154**

**Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson**

## Masses and services this week

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent Cycle A (PW1)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners living and dead
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.15am	St. Bede's	Pious List
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cecily & Francis Billington
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	9.15am	St. Bede's	Mary Lester (RIP)
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	6pm	St. Bede's	Dr. Alec Brade (RIP)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent (PW2)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

After all Masses on the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> December those who wish are invited to stay in church to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick**. This is open to anyone who seeks the Lord's healing in mind or body. If you know anyone who might like to be anointed, please let them know about this event. Thank you.



**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available in our parishes.** Please let Fr Mark know you would like to make your confession and he can arrange to meet you at St Chad's or at St Bede's.

### 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, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**Congratulations** to Mirren Johnston who will be baptised at St. Bede's this weekend.