



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

Parish News

4th Sunday of Advent
18th December 2022

THIS WEEKEND

A Service of Reconciliation for the parishes of Chorley will take place at St. Gregory's Church, Weld Bank, Chorley, at 3pm on Sunday 18th December. Several priests will be available for anyone who would like to make their confession and receive absolution. Everyone is very welcome to come along.



Christmas Cards to the Holy Land and Wymott and Garth Prisons.

We have sent 120 cards to the Holy Land and 85 cards to our local prisons.

Thank you for your support for our fellow Christians living in difficult circumstances and the many prisoners who will get great solace from this act of kindness. Thank you.

Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal.

Thank you so much for the amazing response in this very difficult year, to the Christmas Joy Toy Appeal. Nearly 300 children in Chorley will have a bigger smile on their face due to your generosity. Thanks to everyone from our parishes and our schools who were able to make a donation.

Poinsettias at Christmas

There are still a few poinsettias available to make a donation for. 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 sometime 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 post it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

Christmas Quiz, fun for all the family, with a chance to win £10.

Quiz sheets, on sale £1, at the back of St. Chad's church.

Can our Special Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and stewards please let us know at which Masses over the Christmas period you are able to help.

Please sign up on the sheets in the church porch. Thank you.

***The Christmas Family Bingo had to be postponed
last week due to the iced over car park.***



It will now be held in St. Chad's parish centre on **Sunday 8th**

January 2023 from 2.30pm until 5pm. Even though, it is now after Christmas, it is never too late to eat chocolate so please come along. Family friendly fun and games

everyone can join in with. Everyone is very welcome to come along. If you would like to come on your own you will be made very welcome.

Christmas Raffle.

The raffle will be drawn after the Sunday Masses in both St. Chad's and St. Bede's parishes. Any lucky parishioners who have a winning tickets can collect your prizes after Mass. For St Bede's you can collect prizes from the parish office at St Bede's Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10-2pm or for St Chad's please let Fr Mark know when you can collect your prize from the presbytery on 01257 460154. Thank you.

Chorley Buddies are looking to recruit a manager to run their services in the Chorley area. The post is full time with a salary of up to £30,000. Details are on the notice boards at the back of church. C.V.'s should be sent to hr@svp.org.uk by 23rd December.

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 when we have a few volunteers a member of the group will be in touch. 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.

St Chad's Craft Group will take a break now until the 10th January 2023.
St Chad's Reading Group will take a break now until the 6th January 2023.
St Bede's Prayer Group will take a break now until the New Year.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin in February in both our parishes. If you have a child in year 4 or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year who does **not** attend St Chad's or St Bede's primary schools, please get in touch and we will let you know when the preparation is starting.

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 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

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.

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.

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 and

www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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

Do you need any last minute gifts or cards for Christmas?

Take a look at the stall at the back of church this weekend and see if we can help. All proceeds go to support your parish. Thank you.

Masses this week

Saturday 17th December 6pm St. Bede's Frank Snape
Sunday 18th December **Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)**
 9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
 11am St. Bede's Theresa Roe
Monday 19th December **10.30am** St. Chad's **Funeral Mass for Bernadette Clitheroe**
Tuesday 20th December 9.30am St. Bede's Poulson family
Wednesday 21st December **No Mass**
Thursday 22nd December 2pm St. Chad's **Funeral Mass for Kathleen Norris**
Friday 23rd December 9.15am St. Bede's Peter Fishwick (RIP)

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm St. Bede's Dominic McCrudden
 7pm St. Chad's Jim Harrison

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
 11am St. Bede's Parishioners



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 Rafael Evans who will be baptised
 at St. Chad's this weekend.

Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Norris, Bernadette Clitheroe and Louise Sweeney who have died recently.