

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

Parish News

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
13th August 2023



This week on Tuesday, 15th August, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are asked to attend Mass if we can.

There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Monday at St Bede's.

On Tuesday morning Masses will be 9.15am at St Bede's and 11am at St Chad's.

**Sunday 3rd September at St Gregory's Gardens 12-4pm
Chorley Catholic Community Festival.**

BBQ, stalls galore, tombola, cake stalls, lots of things for children to do, lots of live music and information from lots of local organisations. It's free to come along.

Our parishes will once again be running a tombola stall and a cake stall. We are going to need lots of prizes for the tombola and bakers who are willing to fill our cake stall. Please let Clare in St Bede's parish office know if you are able to bake or lend a hand on a stall. We need volunteers to help setting up and clearing away at the end of the day. Thank you.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group is now taking a break, we will recommence in September.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will recommence in September.

St Chad's Reading Group. The reading group will recommence in September.

Little Church at Sunday Morning Masses will take a break over the summer and start again in September.

If any of our **Special Ministers of Holy Communion in St Bede's Parish** who have an up-to-date parish DBS certificate, would like to take on a weekly home visit to a housebound parishioner or nursing home, please let Fr Mark know. We have had a few more requests for Holy Communion at home and it would be good to share them with a wider group of volunteers. Thank you.

Little Church at St Chad's will start in September. Can our volunteers please contact Fr Mark in the next couple of weeks so that we can plan the materials we will use and put a rota together. If your DBS application hasn't come through yet let us know and we can chase it up with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Thank you.

***PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW
WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED
GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?***

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. **ALPHA** is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment. **Alpha** is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning; it's open to cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along.

For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie. **Phone: Sr Dorothy - 07530238222 or Julie – 07943874257**
Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or juliannebrown1971@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you to the cleaning teams in our parishes who do such a great job of keeping our churches clean and tidy. **New helpers are always welcome.**

Our cleaning teams meet on Wednesdays in St Chad's
and on Thursdays at St Bede's.

2024 Bi-Centenary of the opening of St Bede's Church.

Next year St Bede's parish will be celebrating 200 years since the opening of the Church. We are going to need volunteers to help us organise events to mark and to celebrate this important milestone. We will hold a meeting in September to form a group to work on these events and to look at other social activities we can offer to our community. Please put your thinking caps on and let us know of any good ways of marking the Bi-Centenary of St Bede's Church.

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. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.



New Altar Servers Welcome

It would be great to have a few more girls and boys to help with our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn more about our faith and help our parish. Any children starting in Year 4 in September, or older, who would like to get involved are asked to speak to Fr Mark.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY LARDER: *How time flies!*

This week we celebrated our first anniversary as a Community Shop. After nine years at St. Mary's, Brownedge Christians Together Foodbank needed more space to provide food support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge and surrounding areas. We are now settled in a 40ft. shipping container to the rear of St. Aidan's Church. By installing a fridge and freezer and charging £2-50 per week we have increased the choice and nutritional value of the food we offer our 50 families.

We spend between £350 and £400 a week to stock the LARDER this is in addition to the donations of food we receive from parishioners and the customers of Morrisons and Sainsburys. We are grateful for your monetary donations and standing orders. With access to St. Aidan's Hall, we offer a warm space with refreshments. We bring together a myriad of advisory agencies offering non-judgemental kindness combined with practical help. Our partnership with the SVP and Tippy Toes enables us to reach out to more people in need. We invite you to join us for refreshments any Monday or Friday between 9.30 and 11.30am. Telephone 07762905978 or email christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com for more information.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am until 3pm for any enquiries.

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"

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or
stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk or to Fr Mark privately m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 12th August 6pm St. Bede's Anniversary of Chris Mahon

Sunday 13th August **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Gregory Tyrer

Monday 14th August 9.15am St. Chad's Wilson, Clayton, Blackledge & Cowburn families

7pm St. Bede's Vigil Mass Fr. John Walsh

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15th August 9.15am St. Bede's Mary Josephine Halpin

11am St. Chad's Alan Clayton (RIP)

Wednesday 16th August No Mass

Thursday 17th August 9.15am St. Chad's Gabriel Cotter

Friday 18th August 9.15am St. Bede's Elizabeth Cook

Saturday 19th August 6pm St. Bede's Thanksgiving

Sunday 20th August **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's Ann Hardman & family

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners



Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, 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, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Conor MacLeod and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

We welcome Scarlett and Ellissia Denny who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend.

Confessions are normally heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm.

