

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

Parish News

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
20th August 2023



Sunday 3rd September at St Gregory's Gardens 12-4pm
Chorley Catholic Community Festival.
Weldbank Lane, Chorley. PR7 3NW.

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 will also need volunteers to help setting up and clearing away at the end of the day. Thank you.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group

Our volunteers are invited to a meeting on Thursday 14th September at 7pm in St Bede's Presbytery. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to be involved, please let us know.

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 parish meeting at 7pm on Thursday 21st September** to form a group to work on these events, have a chat about how things are going in the parish, and to look at other activities we can offer to our community. **Refreshments will be served in the parish hall from 6.45pm.** 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 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.

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 email 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.

Little Church at Sunday Morning Mass at St Bede's is taking a break over the summer and will start again in September.

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.

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 Are Very 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.

Call in for a coffee and cake.

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.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Tel: 07762905978

Food and toiletries 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 support the work of the Community Larder.

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

Fr Mark goes on holiday this week. Fr Anthony Afaako will be serving in our parishes from Friday 25th August for two weeks. If you are able to help Fr Anthony with lifts between our two churches, please let Clare know in the parish office and she can arrange a rota of volunteers. Thank you.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 19 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Thanksgiving
Sunday 20 th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Ann Hardman & family
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 21 st August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 nd August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 rd August	No Mass		
Thursday 24 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Friday 25 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Saturday 26 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Joe Comerford (Snr) (RIP)
Sunday 27 th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention in Thanksgiving

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 and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

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



This weekend we welcome Frank Dean who will be baptized in St Chad's on Sunday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Thank you.