

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

Parish News

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10th September 2023



Next weekend is Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

We are asked to pray for the work of the Church in trying to make the Good News of Christ heard in our noisy world. We might also ask God to help each of us play our part in making Jesus known and loved through our words and our example. The retiring collection after Masses next weekend will support the work of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Please use the baskets at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Thank you.

Parish Dinner at St. Chad's Parish Centre on Saturday 23rd September. The tickets are on sale this weekend and next, after Mass, at the back of St. Chad's church.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 11am Mass this Sunday
in St. Bede's Parish Centre.

We do need a few more volunteers to help set up, serve and tidy away at our Sunday morning refreshments. Cakes to serve or to sell are always very welcome too!



Fr. Anthony will now return to Spiritan Formation at Ejish – Ashanti in Ghana. Our thanks to him for serving in our parishes with a happy, kind and cheerful nature over the past two weeks. Thanks to the parishioners who helped him with lifts between our churches and with shopping and meals. Fr. Anthony wants everyone to know that he is very grateful for all your kindness.

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

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will be held **Monday 11th September** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** from 1pm – 2.30pm. Join us for discussion on the scripture, prayers, laughter, coffee/tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

Thank you to our volunteers at the festival at St. Gregory's last weekend – to those who baked the beautiful cakes, those who gave to the tombola stall. The day was a great success and a thank you to all who came.

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.

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

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 Monday 18th 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.

Our Outlook featuring a range of works by Lodge Artists Chorley members and award-winning artists, **Taysha Manifold** and **Harsha Radia** at St Laurence's Church, Union Street, Chorley PR7 1EB on 5th September to 1st October. Opening hours Tues to Fri: 11am – 2.00pm and Sun 24th September. Contact the Parish Office if you require more information **01257 231360** or email [**art@stlaurencechorley.co.uk**](mailto:art@stlaurencechorley.co.uk)



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

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.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 9th September 6pm St. Bede's Lol & Kath, Diamond Anniversary

Sunday 10th September **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Carole Quigley

Monday 11th September 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Tuesday 12th September 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 13th September No Mass

Thursday 14th September 9.15am St. Chad's Anne Beconsall (RIP)

Friday 15th September 9.15am St. Bede's Jimmy & Menedie Webster

Saturday 16th September 6pm St. Bede's Daniel Grant (RIP)

Sunday 17th September **Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's Robert & Elizabeth Gardner

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 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.

