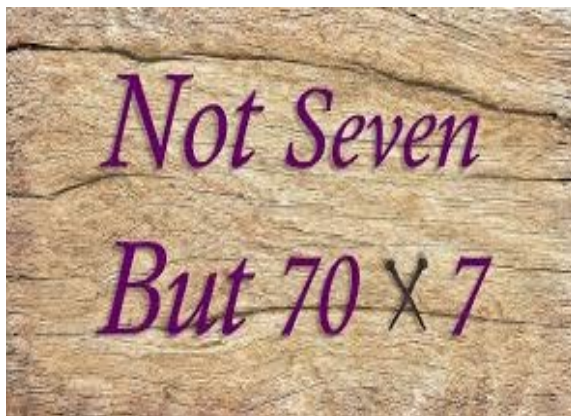


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
17th September 2023



This 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 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 this weekend will support the promotion of the Year of Prayer in 2024 in preparation for the Holy Year in 2025 called by Pope Francis with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The Year of Prayer will focus on the message of the Lord's Prayer and materials will be prepared including resources for us to use during Lent next year. Please use the baskets at the back of church if you are able to make a donation. Thank you. For more information visit www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday

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.

You are invited to

**An Evening of Dinner and Entertainment at St. Chad's Parish Centre
on Saturday 23rd September.**

Tickets £10 raising money for St Chad's Parish.

The tickets are on sale this weekend after Mass at the back of St. Chad's church. Please make your menu selection when you buy your ticket.

Thank you.

Tea and coffee will be served this in St Chad's parish centre after the 9.15am Sunday Mass this weekend. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Donations are welcome to support the parish. Thank you.

National Relic Tour. The relics of three Saints with strong Scottish connections, St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew, will be at St Mary's Church, Brownedge in Bamber Bridge from Friday 22nd September to Sunday evening. You are invited to visit to venerate the relics of the Saints.



Friday 22nd. 12- 5.30pm Prayer and veneration of the relics. 6pm Mass

Saturday 23rd. 10am -12 noon and 3.30pm – 6.30pm Prayer and veneration of the relics. 7pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday 24th. 10.30am – 6pm Prayer and veneration of the relics. 6.30pm Sunday Mass followed by the departure of the relics.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will be held every **Monday** 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.

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



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.

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.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage open to young people aged 15 (or in Year 10) to 22.

A chance travel to Lourdes to support our assisted pilgrims and live a truly memorable week. **Application forms for July 2024 will go online on the 2nd October.** Some financial support may be available through the parish if requested. We are asking that young people apply through www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk or contact admin@animateyouth.co.uk for more information.

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

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.

We welcome Roman and Lucas Walsh who will be baptised at St Chad's and Fern and Reuben Garcia who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend.



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 16 th September	6pm	St. Bede's	Daniel Grant (RIP)
Sunday 17 th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Robert & Elizabeth Gardner
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 18 th September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Samuel & Agnes Shorrocks & Norah Wallbank
Tuesday 19 th September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Donation request
Wednesday 20 th September	No Mass		
Thursday 21 st September	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 22 nd September	9.15am	St. Bede's	Donation request
Saturday 23 rd September	6pm	St. Bede's	Donation request
Sunday 24 th September	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)		
	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, 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.

Please pray for John Lawson of St Bede's Parish who died recently. May he rest in peace.

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

