



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

Parish News

Second Sunday of Advent
10th December 2023

St Bede's Church will be closed this week from Monday to Thursday. Pipes need to be replaced to get our radiators working again. This will involve moving benches and replacing them securely again. We apologise for this but we hope we will soon have a warm Church again.



Our Deanery Advent Service of Reconciliation will be held at **St Gregory's Church, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW at 3pm on Sunday 17th December**. There will be a short time of prayer together then several priests will be available for individual confession. Confessions will be heard at St Bede's each Saturday at 5.30pm.

Tea and coffee will be served in St Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass and after the 11am Mass in St Bede's Parish Centre this weekend, Sunday 10th December. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Christmas Raffle tickets are available at the back of our churches for you to take to sell to family and friends to raise money to support your parish. £1 per book. Please return stubs and money to the back of church or through the door of either presbytery. Thank you to the generous parishioners who have donated the cash prizes. ***We need donations of Christmas treats for the runners up prizes. Please leave them in the sacristy of either church.***

Thank you.

Poinsettias at Christmas. Our volunteers will be decorating our churches for Christmas with poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a minimum 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 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 put it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land, Garth and Wymott Prison.

A big thank you to our parishioners for their magnificent response to this year's appeal. We have sent an amazing 110 cards to Garth and Wymott, where we know they will be gratefully appreciated. The cards for the Holy Land also have a fabulous number of signatures. Thank you.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the St Bede's SVP group. We will meet again in January. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more about joining the group.

St Bede's Prayer Group will take a break now until the New Year.

St Chad's Craft Group The craft group will meet 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 will take a break now until the New Year.

SVP Chorley Buddies are holding a Christmas social at St. Chad's Parish Centre on Wed 13th Dec from 12 until 2. It includes a hot lunch, a free raffle & musical entertainment. The social is free to attend but we accept donations towards lunch. Transport is available. Places must be booked for catering numbers. Call 01257 542367. If you ever feel lonely or isolated please get in touch. We're here to help.

We hope to start a group again in our parishes for anyone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic, getting Confirmed as an adult, or coming back to Mass after some time away. Please talk to Fr Mark if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. He would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you.

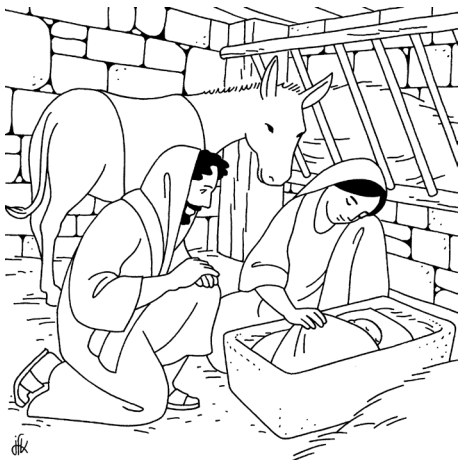
St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. For enquiries about our rates and conditions of use for St Bede's Parish Centre please call Aidan on 01257 271818 and for St Chad's Parish Centre please call 07719718523. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

St Chad's Little Church Volunteers are asked to contact Chris Gardner who puts our rota of helpers together or talk to Fr Mark. We can help you complete your DBS application if you have not already done so.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Warm Space. The Second Monday of each month **10.00-11.30am** at 239a Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods, PR6 7PY (behind Whittle Surgery). Come along to meet people from the community, play games, jigsaws, read a book and enjoy a brew and a biscuit.

Metanoia Project's Homeless Drop-In runs weekly inside St Wilfrid's Church, Preston. We provide clothing, toiletries, warm drinks and biscuits, welcoming all those who come in a way they each have an experience of Jesus. We regularly give out these items and would be very grateful if you were able to donate. Socks and new underwear, men's trainers (especially size 8 & 9), rucksacks, sleeping bags, shower gel and deodorant, T-shirts and polo shirts, men's jeans (especially Size 30-36), men's hoodies, thermal long sleeve t-shirts, tracksuit bottoms, tops and coats. If you have any items you wish to donate but can't get to church or if you feel God is calling you to serve, please ring Jen on 07957566741 or email on jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk. Thank you.

Other donations can be left at the back of our churches too. Food and toiletry donations at St Bede's support the Food Bank at St Aidan's, Bamber Bridge and at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.



Christmas Mass Times in our parishes.

Saturday 23rd December 6pm St Bede's

Sunday Morning 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm St. Bede's 7pm St. Chad's

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

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

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

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The office is open on Tuesday and Friday for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 9 th December	6pm	St Bede's	Rapid recovery
Sunday 10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent (PW2) Year B		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Frank & Cecily Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Monday 11 th December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Alan Clayton (Birthday Memory)
Tuesday 12 th December	St Bede's Church closed for heating repairs		
Wednesday 13 th December	No Mass		
Thursday 14 th December	9.15am	St Chad's	Bill Wilson (RIP)
Friday 15 th December	9.15am	St Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 16 th December	6pm	St Bede's	Rapid recovery
Sunday 17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent (PW3) Year B		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Frank Snape (RIP)



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, Diane Gunn, Sheila Young and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers Baby N. and Mary Scott who have died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Welcome to Emilie Norton who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend.

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

