



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

Parish News

The Epiphany of the Lord
7th January 2024

Learning about our Catholic Faith

We will be starting a group in the New Year at St Bede's 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 or Sr Dorothy if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Thank you.

Bicentenary Preparations at St Bede's

In 2024 we will celebrate 200 years since the opening of St Bede's Church. A few parishioners have been meeting to plan ways to mark this important milestone. Our next meeting will be this week **in St Bede's parish centre on Monday 8th January at 7pm**. Please come along if you would like to get involved. Thank you.



Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th January and at St. Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 14th January. Everyone is warmly invited to come along. Thank you to the new volunteers who have made it possible for us to continue to offer this chance to get together.

Our First Holy Communion preparation will begin in February for children in Year 4 and above. If your child does not attend St Bede's or St Chad's Primary Schools and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please let us know and we can let you know when the classes will begin.

If anyone is interested in joining our team of catechists at St Chad's please talk to Fr Mark who can let you know what it involves.



Poinsettias at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us decorate our Churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. A card of dedication has been placed by each plant donated. Our flower team will look after the plants as best they can and will let us know when it's OK to take your plant home.

Christmas Raffle. We raised £597.20 in St. Chad's and £593.40 in St. Bede's. Thank you to the parishioners who kindly donated the cash prizes and other gifts and to everyone who was able to buy and sell tickets. All the prizes have now been collected.

St Bede's Prayer Group will take a break now until the 15th January.
St Chad's Craft Group will restart on January 9th 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 meet on 8th January, 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.

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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the **St Bede's SVP** group. We will meet again in **St Bede's Presbytery on Thursday 18th January at 7pm**. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more about joining the group.

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.

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.

Weekly offerings to the parish

Thank you for all the support you are able to give to keep our parishes going, especially with the increase in costs that we have all had to face in the past year. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider making your weekly offering to the parish through Gift Aid. The parish will receive an additional 25% from the government for any money donated using the Gift Aid scheme. Please contact the parish office or let Fr Mark know you would like to Gift Aid your offering and he can let you have a form and a set of Gift Aid envelopes. Other donations to the parish such as Mass offerings, flower donations etc can also be given through Gift Aid. Many of our parishioners donate weekly or monthly to the parish through a Standing Order with their bank. If you would like to do this please let us know and we can let you have a Standing Order form. Thank you.

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.

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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, Thursday and Friday this week for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 6th January 6pm St. Bede's Kenneth Bramley (RIP)

Sunday 7th January **The Epiphany of the Lord (PW2)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Margaret Iyengar (RIP)

Monday 8th January 9.15am St. Chad's Patsy Clayton (RIP)

Tuesday 9th January 9.15am St. Bede's Margaret Iyengar (RIP)

Wednesday 10th January No Mass

Thursday 11th January 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 12th January 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 13th January 6pm St. Bede's George & Elizabeth Hills

Sunday 14th January **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Mary Hilton

11am St. Bede's Florence, William and John Nickson

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, Shelagh Young 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 or at any time on request.

