



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

## Parish News

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 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:

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The event held at St Chad's Parish Hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March raised a total of £450 in support of Sands. Thank you all who went and supported the charity that saves babies lives and supports bereaved families.

**Thanks once again to all our parish volunteers who helped make our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and beautiful.** Over the past few years some of our volunteers have had to step down from their service in our parishes. We are always looking for more people to share their time and talents in God's service. We need readers, Little Church helpers, cleaners, grounds people, help with organising parish events, serving tea and coffee after Sunday Mass etc. etc. It would be good to have a bit more help with our music in Church too - musicians and singers who can help us broaden our repertoire at Mass. If you would like to get involved, please have a chat with Fr Mark who would be very happy to hear from you.

### **THIS WEEKEND**



**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** and in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated for our young people, Year 8 and older, at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone hasn't signed up to take part yet, please contact Fr Mark.

### **Easter Raffle Winners**

St. Chad's £100 Mr Haworth and £25 to Jean Miller and Bernadette Gillibrand.  
St. Bede's £100 Ronson and £25 to Simon Clarke and Irene. Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in our raffle in support of parish funds.

**Coffee, cakes and more!** Everyone is invited to drop in to St Chad's Parish Centre on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11am–2pm**. There will be cakes and goodies, sandwiches and some Spanish food, also a craft stall, second-hand bookstall, a baby play area and a children's colouring table, so bring your children/grandchildren, or a friend or neighbour. All proceeds are for the charity Asthma and Lung UK, which helps fund research into the lung conditions that affect 1 in 5 of us. For more information or to donate, please contact Frances Hackeson 07535 702671.



**Cycling for our Bicentenary Celebrations.** After the success of her Lent walk for CAFOD last year Mary Haylock is cycling 200 miles in the month of April. One mile for every year of St Bede's Parish. There is a box at the back of St. Bede's Church where donations can be left. Thank you for any support you are able to give.

**St Bede's Bicentenary Group / Social Group** To keep our group going into the future we have decided to rename it the "St Bede's Parish Social Group". We hope to organise lots of parish events in the years to come. New volunteers are very welcome.

**St Bede's Bicentenary celebrations update.** Our group have been working hard putting together events to mark 200 years of St Bede's Parish. **Dates for your diary include:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, 40 Hours of Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June Bicentenary celebration weekend.** A social evening in the garden after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and a Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Malcolm at 11am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June followed by a parish garden party.

**Our group of volunteers who keep the Parish Centre at St Chad's going for us** are planning to organise more parish events in the coming months. They will now be called the "St Chad's Parish Social Group" to better reflect their work. If you would like to be a part of this group, please talk to Fr Mark who can tell you what's involved.

**St Bede's Prayer Group** will meet on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

**St Chad's Craft Group.** The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** 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 8<sup>th</sup> April** 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.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to request that a Mass be offered for a particular person or another intention, please write the name of the person or intention to be remembered at Mass on an envelope with your donation and hand it in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery. Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of church. If you have a parish Gift Aid number, please write this on the envelope and we can claim the Gift Aid on your donation. Thank you.

**Clayton Thursday Group** will meet for the over 60's in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.00 each Thursday. It costs £3 per week and we play games and have tea, coffee and biscuits. We also arrange trips out for afternoon tea, visits to garden centres and theatres and in December we arrange a trip out for a meal which includes entertainment. The club contributes to some of the cost of these trips. Please come along. If you want any more information contact Gill 07575080100.

**Chair based exercise** to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Every Thursdays 11-12am in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986.

**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.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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**St Chad's Church.** 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

**Parish Websites** [www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk](http://www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk) and

[www.stchads-southhill.org](http://www.stchads-southhill.org)

**Facebook page** Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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**The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday this week for all enquiries.**

## Masses and Services this Easter Week

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm	St. Bede's	Martin, Tom & Damian Fay
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Second Sunday of Easter (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Anthony Nolan (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Michael Walsh
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	St. Chad's	Funeral Mass for Irene Corcoran
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Fr. Barry McAlister (RD)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm	St. Bede's	Kevin & Margaret McCarrick Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Third Sunday of Easter (PW3)		
(M&JD)	9.15am	St. Chad's	Diamond Wedding Thanksgiving
	11am	St. Bede's	Sheila Taylor

Please keep in your prayers Irene Corcoran of St. Chad's parish who died recently and her family. **May she rest in peace.**

### **Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners**

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, 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.

### **This Weekend. Divine Mercy. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Devotions in Honour of Divine Mercy will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Brooke Street, Chorley PR6 0NG starting at 3pm. See poster at back of church for more information.

