

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

Parish News

7th Sunday of Easter
12th May 2024



Come Holy Spirit

In imitation of the first disciples of Jesus this week we join with Christians across the world to pray for the renewed gift of the Holy Spirit on ourselves, on our parish and on our Church. As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost next Sunday, we are all aware of the challenges we face as a Church and in our own lives. We open our hearts to receive anew the gift of the Holy Spirit from the Lord who always answers our prayers.

Come Holy Spirit and fill my heart with wisdom, love and courage.

Make me more like Christ in my words and my actions.

Bless the work of your Church.

***Renew us all in the desire to make Christ
known and loved in the world today.***

Come Holy Spirit and bless the work of our parish.

***Guide all that we do so that our church
is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.***

***Guide us in our prayer and in our listening
as we continue to seek to be the Church you are calling us to be.***

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday, 12th May, the Church keeps **World Communications Day.** There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the Church's work of sharing the Gospel through all the different forms of communication that people use today.

St Bede's Church will be closed this week from Monday to Friday. The heating system is being repaired and requires that benches are moved so that sections of the floor can be lifted and concrete removed to expose the pipes which are losing pressure. Ministers of Holy Communion visiting the sick are asked to ring and arrange a time to take Holy Communion from the tabernacle.

The next meeting of the **St Bede's Social Group** will be held this week in St Bede's Parish Hall on **Monday 13th May at 7pm**. New volunteers needed!

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. A collection for the SVP will be taken after weekend Masses on 18th – 19th May at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.



As part of our thanksgiving for 200 years of St Bede's Parish **Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held at St Bede's Church next month. **It will begin with Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd May and conclude with a Holy Hour of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 7pm on Friday 24th May.**

Please sign up for "watching" at the back of church. We need people to be present in the church so that we can keep it open for private prayer through the day. We are also asking for donations towards the cost of the flowers and candles which will decorate the church. Envelopes for donations are available at the back of church and can be handed in through the door of the presbytery or placed in the offertory collection at Mass. Thank you.

St Bede's Bicentenary Mass of Thanksgiving and Garden Party

At the recent meeting of the St Bede's Social Committee it was decided to simplify our celebrations a little. There will no longer be a social gathering on Saturday 8th June. Instead we will put all our efforts into a Garden Party following the 11am Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm on **Sunday 9th June**. There will be musical entertainment, children's games, tombola, a treasure hunt, stalls, a BBQ and afternoon teas. Please keep the date in your diary. **We're now collecting prizes for our Tombola Stalls. Bottles, children's prizes and other items are wanted.** Please have a look in your cupboards and see if there is anything that you could donate. Donations can be left in the sacristy before or after Mass. Thank you.

Volunteer singers from St. Bede's and St. Chad's are needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people from our parish at St Joseph's Harpers Lane on Wednesday 26th June. There will be two practices at St. Joseph's on the Wednesdays of 12th and 19th June, 7.15pm to 8.15pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available afterwards. Please let Clare in the office, know if you wish to come along so that the music can be prepared.

Dates for your diary at St. Chad's

Chorley Silver Band Concert in St Chad's Church on Friday 5th June.

Summer Supper with music by the Symbolics, on Saturday 15th June.

Tickets for both events will be on sale soon.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on the third Tuesday of every month (with a break for August) in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It's a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. **The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 21st May at midday**. Please join us if you can.

Cycling for St Bede's Bicentenary Celebrations. After the success of her Lent walk for CAFOD last year Mary Haylock has cycled 225 miles in the month of April. **Mary has raised £500**. Thank you everyone for your donations.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday** 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** 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 13th May** 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 your prayers be remembered at the offering of the Mass, you can use one of the envelopes at the back of church. Hand in your request to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery. If you are part of our parish Gift Aid Scheme, we can claim back the Gift Aid on your donation if you write your Gift Aid envelope number on the Mass Intention request. Thank you.

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

Masses and Services this week.

Saturday 11 th May	6pm	St. Bede's	Joe Comerford (Snr)
Sunday 12 th May		Seventh Sunday of Easter (PW3)	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention (MJ)
Monday 13 th May	9.15am	St. Chad's	Paul Karkoszka
Tuesday 14 th May		St Bede's Church Closed	
Wednesday 15 th May		No Mass	
Thursday 16 th May	9.15am	St Chad's	90 th Birthday Blessing (BF) With the children of St Chad's School
Friday 17 th May		St Bede's Church Closed	
Saturday 18 th May	11am	St Chad's	First Holy Communion Mass
	6pm	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Sunday 19 th May		Pentecost Sunday	
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Desmond Milne (RIP)
	11am	St. Bede's	Jane Gilbertson (RIP)

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

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, Liam Fogg, and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Congratulations to the children of St Bede's Parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend and to the children of St Chad's Parish who will be celebrating next Saturday. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

We welcome Gaza Şek who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend. Please keep Gaza and his family in your prayers.

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.