



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

Parish News

First Sunday of Advent
1st December 2024

This weekend we will start using the new translation of the readings at Mass. If you would like to know more about the reasons for the changes, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> where there are some short videos you can watch. Our Mass leaflets will have the new translation. Each Friday we send out by e-mail our weekly newsletter and the Bible Readings that are proclaimed at Mass to parishioners who have requested to receive them. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please send an email requesting this to either parish email address. This might be particularly useful to our readers at weekend Masses.

On Monday 2nd December Mass will be celebrated with the children of our schools to mark the beginning of Advent.

9.30am in St Chad's School. The school have commissioned a new altar for the school hall. Bishop Tom Neylon will be with us to celebrate Mass and bless the new altar. All our parishioners are warmly invited to attend the celebration.

At 2pm in St Bede's Church the children of St Bede's school will be attending Mass in church. All our parishioners are very warmly invited to attend.

Christmas Raffle. Books of tickets are now available at the back of church. They cost £1 for a book or 20p for a single ticket. It would be great if you could take some to sell to family and friends and work colleagues. If you can't sell them, just bring them back to church and someone else can have a go. The raffle will be drawn at our Sunday Masses on Sunday 22nd December.

Prayerful preparation for Christmas. Through Advent you are invited to come along to a shared reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings – Starting Monday 2nd December in **St Bede's Presbytery**. 1pm to 2pm (with Tea and Coffee from 12.45pm). Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Christmas Poinsettias. We 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 £6.50 towards the cost. Like everything else, the cost of the plants has gone up this year. 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.

Tea and coffee will be served **this weekend** in St. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Coffee morning this weekend in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass** with any donations received going to support the work of **CAFOD**. Tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle so that we can buy a CAFOD Christmas gift from the parish. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Red Admiral Brass Band Christmas Concert at St. Chad's

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the beautiful concert at St Chad's last Sunday. Through ticket sales, the raffle and donations the event raised £815.00 for parish funds.

Altar servers – If you are in year 4 or older and would like to help with our altar servers team at weekend Masses, please let Fr Mark know. It's a great way to learn about your faith and serve God and our parish family.

Little Church – We really need a few more people who are willing to make up the numbers of helpers who have a DBS check. You don't need to prepare the materials, just be around to offer a kind welcome to our children. Our First Holy Communion preparation will begin in February. We are looking for a couple more volunteers in each parish to help us prepare are young people and their families for this important event. Please let Fr Mark know if you would be willing to get involved.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available at the back of St. Bede's Church. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Contact Clare on the office number 01772 335209 if you are interested. Thank you.

Date for your Diary at St Chad's

7th December - Christmas Party with music from "The Symbolics".

Tickets are now on sale after Mass at St Chad's or you can book a place through the parish office. Good food, good music and good company.

Any money raised through this event goes to help us keep the St Chad's Parish Centre in good repair. Thank you for your support.

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

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday, 2nd December** from 2pm to 4pm in the **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.

SVP Chorley Buddies: on Wednesday the 11th December at St. Chad's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm, a hot lunch & an activity or entertainment will be provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

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. If there is no answer, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

Christian Community Larder – Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church.

Tel: 07762905978. Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Similar items are very welcome.

Warm winter clothes are also needed, particularly for men.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

We welcome Gabriel Dragon and Hayden Barrett who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend. Please keep Gabriel and Hayden and their families in your prayers.

Masses and Services this week.

Saturday 30 th November	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 1 st December	First Sunday of Advent (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cecily Billington (Anniversary)
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Monday 2 nd December	9.30am	In St Chad's School	Patsy & Alan Clayton
	2pm	in St Bede's Church	with the children of St Bede's School
Tuesday 3 rd December	9.15am	St Bede's	Fay family
Wednesday 4 th December	No Mass		
Thursday 5 th December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Geoff Lowe
Friday 6 th December	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners
Saturday 7 th December	6pm	St. Bede's	Pat Kelly (RIP)
Sunday 8 th December	Second Sunday of Advent (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Family Intentions

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

George Morris, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Robert Hackeson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank and Brookhaven Nursing Homes.

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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **01772 335209**