



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

Parish News

Fourth Sunday of Advent
22nd December 2024

Prayerful preparation for Christmas.

Through Advent you are invited to come along to a shared reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings on Mondays in **St Bede's Presbytery**. 1pm to 2pm (with Tea and Coffee from 12.45pm). Everyone is very welcome to come along.

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 let us know when it's OK to take your plant home sometime in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation to their parish when handing in their Pious list in November. The St. Bede's total was £475 and St. Chad's total was £417.

This is a big help towards meeting our running costs this winter. Thank you.

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 our young people and their families for this important event. Please let Fr Mark know if you would be willing to get involved.

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.

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

St Chad's Craft Group will break for Christmas and restart on January 7th.

St Chad's Reading Group will take a break now until the 6th January 2024.

Clayton Thursday Group and Chair based Yoga have finished for their Christmas break and will start again in the New Year.



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 to serve God and our parish family.

Non-perishable food and toiletries needed

Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Warm winter clothes are also needed, particularly for men.

Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

We have been asked to share the following message:

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY LARDER

A heartfelt thank you for your amazing food and cash donations.

As a result of your generosity, we supported 60 families a week throughout 2024

You contributed to the "Meal in a Bag" and "Slow Cooker" initiatives.

We look forward to your continuing support in 2025.

*We are a designated Warm Space and welcome you to join us for light refreshments
Monday or Friday 9-30 to 11-30am.*

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.

Pilgrimage to Padua and Lake Garda. Fr Mark has been invited to help on a pilgrimage to Padua and Lake Garda 16th – 23rd May 2025, travelling with members of the Catholic Parish in Lydiate. There are spaces for some of our parishioners to make the pilgrimage too. It's unfortunately very expensive, £1235 per person sharing half-board. If anyone would like more information or is interested in joining the pilgrimage there is a poster giving the itinerary at the back of church or you can ask Fr Mark for a booking form.

AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on:

- Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm)
- Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop. This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese but we are asked to reserve a place if we want to attend. Please send us an email or phone the parish office if you would like to be at the meeting. It's also possible to attend the meeting from home Zoom. Please contact the parish office with your email and we can book you in and send you the link.

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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www.stchads-southhill.org

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The parish office is open on Monday & Tuesday. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 21st December 6pm St. Bede's Michael Charnock

Sunday 22nd December **Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Vivien Howard

Monday 23rd December 9.15am St. Chad's John Hardman

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm St. Bede's Dominic McCrudden

7pm St. Chad's Hughes family

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Thursday 26th December **Feast of St Stephen**

11am St. Chad's Vincent Noblet

Friday 27th December 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday 28th December 6pm St. Bede's Thanksgiving

Sunday 29th December **Feast of the Holy Family (PW1)**

9.15am St. Chad's Mary & John Hilton

11am St. Bede's Vivien Howard



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, Marie Gamble and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

We welcome Keira King who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend. Please keep Keira and her family in your prayers.