

**Parishes of St Bede,  
Clayton Green  
and St Chad, South Hill  
Parish News  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**



**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 £7 towards the cost. 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.

**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 £370 and St. Chad's total was £236. This is a big help towards meeting our running costs this winter. Thank you.

**HELP NEEDED.** Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning our churches. If you think you can help, please talk to Fr Mark.

We also need a few more members for our choir at the 9.15am Sunday Mass at St Chad's. Just make your way to the choir loft before Mass if you would like to be part of the choir.

**Becoming a member of the Catholic Church.**

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please get in touch. If you have any questions about what this involves please let us know and we can arrange for you to meet Fr Mark or one of our parish volunteers. You don't need to make a commitment! We are happy to meet and listen to your questions. Please pass on this information to people you know who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church. Thank you.



**New members for our altar servers teams at weekend Masses are needed. Children in Year 4 and older are very welcome to join. Please talk to Fr Mark if you would like to know more. Serving at Mass is a great way to learn more about our faith and serve your community.**

**St Chad's Reading Group** will take a break for Christmas and will start again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**St Chad's Craft Group** has finished for Christmas and will start again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**St. Bede's Prayer Group** has now finished for Christmas and will start again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Clayton Thursday Group and Chair based Yoga** will finish for their Christmas break and will start again on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026. Go to [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and complete the registration form. Enrolment closes on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Once we know the names of those requesting confirmation after 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will contact you to let you know about preparation for the sacrament.

Non-perishable food, toiletries and clothing needed. Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder. Non-perishable food, tinned corned beef or other tinned meat, tea and coffee and toiletries are particularly needed as these are becoming more unaffordable for people. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978. Email: [christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto:christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com)

Warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags etc. left at the back of St Bede's Church go to the Metanoia Project in Preston.

January is often a difficult month for those without much income. Please donate if you can.

**APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO THE UKRAINIAN HUB:** Winter is approaching fast, and the people of Ukraine are facing another bitterly cold winter. Please look in your cupboards for candles, warm socks, gloves and hats (adult and children's), thermal clothing, coats and jumpers you don't need anymore, female hygiene items, plasters, bandages, paracetamols, cough mixtures (adult and children's). It will all be very much appreciated by poor people who are suffering so much. Please take your donations to the Ukrainian Hub, which was the White Hart pub near Chorley police station. Wednesday 2-4pm and Sat 10.00-12.00 noon. Candles are especially needed. Thank you.

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

**St Chad's Parish Hall** 07719718523 **St Bede's Parish Hall** 01257 271818

**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"

**E-mail our parish office:** [stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk) or [stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk)

**or to Fr Mark privately** [m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk)

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

## Making Room for Christ in Our Hearts



Lord Jesus, as the days draw close to Christmas  
teach us to slow down and make space for You.  
Clear a quiet place within us  
where Your light can rest,  
where Your peace can settle,  
where Your love can take root.

Sweep away the clutter of worry, the noise of busyness,  
the weight of things that do not matter.  
Open in us a simple manger of welcome,  
poor and small, yet ready for Your presence.  
Like Mary, help us to listen with a trusting heart.

Like Joseph, help us to act with quiet faithfulness.  
Like the shepherds, help us to draw near with wonder.  
Come, Lord Jesus, into the ordinary corners of our lives.  
Come into our families, our conversations,  
our hopes and our fears.

Come into the places we have forgotten to offer You.  
In these final days before Your birth, make our hearts a home for You—  
warm, open, and waiting.  
Amen.

### Masses and Services this week

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	St. Bede's	Cameron Beeby
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (PW4)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Brian Pooley (RIP)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.15am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

<b>5pm</b>	St. Bede's	Dominic McCrudden
<b>7pm</b>	St. Chad's	Frank & Cissie Billington

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
11am	St. Bede's	Parishioners

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of St Stephen</b>		
<b>11am</b>	St. Bede's	Rev. Deacon Alan Mee	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	St. Bede's	Cameron Beeby
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Holy Family (PW1)</b>		
	St. Chad's	9.15am	Mary Hilton (Birthday Memories)
	St. Bede's	11am	Parishioners



**Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:** Kath Yates,  
Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss and the residents of Highcliffe,  
Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

**Confessions are heard in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request. No confessions on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December.**