

WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS,  
HE HAD COMPASSION FOR THEM,  
BECAUSE THEY WERE  
HARASSED AND HELPLESS,  
LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.  
-MATTHEW 9:36



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

## **Parish News**

**Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, is the **Day of Prayer for Life**. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the work of the church promoting respect for life. Please pray that the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God, will be protected from conception to old age.



**All our Special Ministers of Holy Communion** are asked to attend a time of prayer and reflection on this important ministry in **St Joseph's Primary School, Harpers Lane, Chorley** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm**. Please try to attend this meeting if you can. For catering and photocopying we would like to know how many of our Special Ministers will be attending this event. Please let us know in the parish office or email [fop3attendance@outlook.com](mailto:fop3attendance@outlook.com) to confirm attendance.

The next time of prayer at **St Joseph's Church, Brindle**, will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm** followed by tea and cake. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for all who wish to receive it, a time of prayer for healing of mind, body and spirit. The time of prayer will end with a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please let people know of this event if they might like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. There is level access at St Joseph's Church for people who have limited mobility or who use a wheelchair.

**You are invited to a Summer Lunch** on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** starting at **12 noon** in **St. Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It is a free event but donations towards the cost of the food are welcome. (Soup & Sandwiches will start again in September).

**St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group**. This weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

**The Big Lent Walk** that was walked by Kathryn Jackson, a distance of 211km, has raised £1,077 in aid of Cafod. Well done, Kathryn. A huge thanks to everyone who supported either by prayers or donations.

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

**St Chad's Craft Group** will meet on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** 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** will meet on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, 1pm to 3pm 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.

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go to St Joseph's church in Brindle** supporting the Ampleforth Trust to maintain the buildings and meet ongoing costs. If you Gift Aid your donation please write your parish Gift Aid number on the envelope.

Thank you to all our **Mission Red Box holders** for handing-in your donations. Your Mission boxes/brown envelopes are now available at the back of **St Bede's Church** for you to collect. The envelope contains your receipt for your recent donation. Your donations are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Any children in Year 4 of primary school or older are invited to become part of the altar serving team at our weekend Masses. Just talk to Fr Mark and he will let you know how to get involved. It's a great way to learn about our Faith and serve God and your parish family.

**Chorley Help the Homeless** at The Gateway is very grateful for all the generous contributions from our parishioners. Unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for food, especially, rice, tinned meat e.g. Corned Beef, Spam, Cordial, Hotdogs, Weetabix and chocolate cereals. Any donations can be placed in the box in the porch at St. Chad's. At The Gateway we also provide, not only food parcels but a free breakfast and lunch every week, Monday to Friday and a warm space for those in need. Thank you.

Clothing and food donations left at the back of St Bede's church support our local food bank and the Metanoia Project supporting homeless people in Preston.

**Knitting natters** from the Christian Community Larder are asking for yarn and wool. If anyone has any, could you please hand it in at St Chad's or at St Bede's and it will be delivered to the Larder. Thank you.

**Lark Hill Association 125th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday 27th June 2026.** Mass in the chapel Newman College at 12 noon followed by a light buffet lunch (£10). For catering purposes please contact Janet Metcalf 07713300192 or [janet.metcalf53@icloud.com](mailto:janet.metcalf53@icloud.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**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. It begins on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 at 7pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre** and will run every Thursday for 10 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:

**Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**

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Any adults in the parish who would like to be baptised, received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are very welcome to get in touch and we will be very happy to help.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Beattie Tel. 01257 460154 Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

**St Bede's Church.** 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB **01772 335209**

**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)

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

**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)

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

The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** this coming week. **01772 33520**

### Masses and Services this week

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	St. Bede's	Cassie Comerford
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Matthew Curry (Anniversary)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	St. Chad's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	St. Bede's	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	St. Bede's	Stephen Anthony Yates
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW4)</b>		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Amy & Bill Billington
	11am	St. Bede's	Marie Sharples (RIP)

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss, Agnes Martland, Ann Marie Green and the residents of Arrowsmith Lodge, Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers Kath Yates of St Bede's parish who died recently and her family. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Bede's Church at midday.

**Preparation for the Celebration of First Holy Communion continues at St Chad's following the 9.15am Sunday Mass and will resume at St Bede's on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.**

Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's each Saturday at 5.30pm-5.50pm or at any time on request. You can call Fr Mark to arrange a convenient time. If you are unable to get to church Fr Mark can arrange to visit you at home. If you are unable to get to church due to ill health or following hospital treatment etc., we can arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact us and let us know that you are unable to come to Mass and we will be happy to help.