



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

# **Parish News**

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**

**Weekday Mass.** Over the quieter summer period you might like to consider coming to Mass on a weekday. It lasts under half an hour and is a great way to start your day in quiet prayer and renewing the presence of Christ in your heart. At St Chad's a group of parishioners pray the rosary together before the weekday Masses starting the prayer at around 9am. Mass is normally celebrated on Monday and Thursday at St Chad's and on Tuesday and Friday at St Bede's. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

**Tea and coffee** will be served in St. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

### **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. Please get in touch if you would like to know more or sign up to take part in the sessions.

**Alpha 2026** - We have had a wonderful response to our Alpha Course beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm and to accommodate the numbers we are offering the same course on a **Wednesday afternoon beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** If anyone would prefer the afternoon Course, would you please contact Sr. Dorothy or Julie. It will **start at 12.45 and finish at 2.30pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre.**

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

**Email: [dorothyhindle234@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyhindle234@gmail.com) or [julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com](mailto:julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com)**

**St Bede's Prayer Group** will meet on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**The St Chad's Craft Group and Reading Groups** will now take a summer break and will recommence in September. Thank you.

### **ST GREGORY'S, CHORLEY. ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL 21ST - 23RD AUGUST**

This year's festival will feature a selection of beers and ciders. Tickets for this event will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café.

If you would like to sponsor this event, the cost is £115 per keg. All sponsor's business/ company names will be included in the festival programme which is issued to all attendees.

We can also add a business logo if you have one, all you need to do is email it to us. Sponsors also receive up to 4 complimentary tickets to the event (per keg of beer sponsored). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please let us know.

### **CONCERT IN THE GARDEN - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST**

Our ever-popular family event will take place in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's, Chorley. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required).

Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door.

Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go 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.

**MARRIAGE IN A RUT?** Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info) **Tel: 0788 7296983**

**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.

If any of our **Special Ministers of Holy Communion or readers** on the weekly rota will be away or unable to attend Mass over the summer, please let us know in the parish office so that we are able to find a replacement. Thank you.

#### **Christian Community Larder — How to Get Help**

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families.

- **Opening times:** Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am
- **Telephone:** 07762 905978
- **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

**The Community Larder** opened in July 2022 behind St Aidan's Church, supported by Five Churches Together and South Ribble Council.

It grew from Browndedge Together Food Bank into a Community Hub, offering food, refreshments, groups and advice sessions. With around 20 volunteers, the Larder supports about 50 families each week. Please visit or share these details with anyone who may need support.

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. Similar donations at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.

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) 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, Thursday and Friday** this coming week. **01772 335209**

## **Masses and Services this Week**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August      6pm      St. Bede's      Dominic McCrudden  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August      **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)**  
                                 9.15am      St. Chad's      John Dixon (Anniversary)  
                                 11am      St. Bede's      Parishioners  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August      9.15am      St. Chad's      Gannon & Green families  
                                 **11am      St Chad's      Funeral Service for Jean Pennington**  
                                 **2pm      St Chad's      Funeral Service for Andrew Thompson**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August      9.15am      St. Bede's      Parishioners  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August      No Mass  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August      9.15am      St. Chad's      Service of the Word and Holy Communion  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August      9.15am      St. Bede's      Parishioners  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August      6pm      St. Bede's      Adrienne & Adam Mitchell  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August      **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**  
                                 9.15am      St. Chad's      Mary Hilton (Anniversary)  
                                 11am      St. Bede's      for the Lord's mercy & forgiveness

### **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 remember in your prayers Jean Pennington and Andrew Thompson of St Chad's parish who have died recently and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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. If you are admitted to hospital, remember to let the staff on the ward know that you are a Catholic and they will make sure you receive visits from the chaplaincy team.