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

Parish News

Solemn Feast of All Saints
1st November 2026





November is kept as the month of prayer for those who have died.

Masses will be offered through November for all those named on our "Pious List". If you would like someone who has died to be remembered in these Masses, please write their names and put in one of the envelopes that you can find at the back of church. Hand them in to Fr Mark or to either presbytery. A donation may also be included with the names if you wish.

We will be holding our **Annual Masses of Remembrance** for the Month of the Holy Souls at St Chad's on **Thursday 12th November at 7pm and at St Bede's on Friday 13th November at 7pm**. Both Masses will be followed by a time to gather for refreshments in our parish halls. Families who have celebrated a funeral through one of our parishes in the past year will receive an invitation to attend one of these Masses to pray for their departed loved ones. Everyone is invited to attend and to light a candle for their family members and friends who have died and to entrust them to God's merciful love. Please join us if you can.



The Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band are holding a Christmas concert in **St Chad's Church** on **Sunday 22nd November at 2.30pm to 4.30pm.** It's an afternoon of great music, entertainment and laughter. Invite family and friends to come along. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments. Children can attend for free. Please contact Angela on 07761983041 to reserve your tickets. Thank you.

Winter Warmer Evening with music from **"The Symbolics"** in **St Chad's Parish Centre** on **Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm – 10.30pm.** There will be a hot pot supper, you can bring your own drinks and tickets are £10. The tickets are on sale **this weekend** after Mass at St Chad's or you can book a place through the parish office. Thank you.

Our Alpha Couse will conclude this week. Please keep all those who have followed the course in your prayers. We will shortly begin a group for people who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith and may choose to become members of the Catholic Church - either to be baptised or to be received into the Church and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If this is something you might be interested in joining, please talk to Fr Mark or to Sr Dorothy. The meetings will start in St Bede's Presbytery on Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning on 19th November.

On **Monday 16th November** you are invited to deepen your Christian Faith at a **new weekly Bible Study group**. This will be held in St Bede's Presbytery on Mondays at 7pm. Please bring a bible with you if you have one – more are available at the meeting. We will be starting with prayerfully reading the Gospel of St Matthew from the birth of Christ to His death and resurrection.
Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 1st November** and St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 15th November.** Please come along if you can.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 2nd November** in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 2nd November,** 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.

The St. Chad's Social Group will meet on **Monday 2nd November** in St. Chad's Parish Centre, **at 6.45pm**. Please come along and volunteer if you can. New volunteers for looking after our parish hall and organizing parish events are always very welcome.

St Chad's Craft Group will meet on **Tuesday 3rd November** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm **in St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

The soup and sandwich lunch will now take place on **Tuesday 17th November at midday** in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It's a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. Please join us if you can.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council invites Seniors that live within the Parish boundary to a **Community Christmas Lunch** at **The Halfway House**, on **Preston Road. Tuesday 8th December, Thursday 10th December & Monday 14th December at 12 noon.** For further details please contact the Clerk on 01257 264854 / 07715637345 or email clerk@claytonlewoods-pc.gov.uk from Monday 2nd November 2026. Thank you.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This Christmas we are sending shoebox parcels of goodies so that people who have lost so much during the conflict in Ukraine can have something for Christmas that might be useful and enjoyable. The box and lid must be wrapped separately and closed with a rubber band or string around it. Please then label it to show if the contents are for a **Girl, Boy, Man, Women or Soldier (Male/Female)**. If it is for a child, please also add an approximate age group the parcel is appropriate for. Please donate gloves, scarves, hats, chocolate, sweets, toys, soap, socks, razors, plasters, compasses, matches, candles, heat pads, drink sachets, soup sachets, notepads, pens and perhaps even a letter or Christmas card. The donation can be left at the back of our churches in the Appeal boxes. **The final dates for donations will be at St. Chad's after Mass on Thursday 12th Nov and at St. Bede's after the Mass on Friday 13th Nov 2026.**

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder behind St Aidan's Church, 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
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.

Donations made at St Bede's Church with one of the small brown envelopes at the back of church are passed on to the Ampleforth Abbey Trust to help towards the maintenance of St Joseph's Church.

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www.stchads-southhill.org and www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk
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The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** this coming week. **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 31st October	*6pm*	*St. Bede's*	*for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness*
Sunday 1st November	***Solemn Feast of All Saints***		
	9.15am	*St. Chad's*	*Pious List*
	11am	*St. Bede's*	*Parishioners and Pious List*
Monday 2nd November	***Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed***		
	9.15am	*St. Chad's*	*Pious List*
	7pm	*St Bede's*	*Pious List*
Tuesday 3rd November	*9.15am*	*St. Bede's*	*Pious List*
Wednesday 4th November	*No Mass*		
Thursday 5th November	*9.15am*	*St. Chad's*	*Pious List*
Friday 6th November	*9.15am*	*St. Bede's*	*Pious List*
Saturday 7th November	*6pm*	*St. Bede's*	*Pious List*
Sunday 8th November	***Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *(PW 4)*		
	9.15am	*St. Chad's*	*Pious List*
	11am	*St. Bede's*	*Pious List*

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.

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 would like to make your confession.

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Day Services will be held in our parishes next weekend on Remembrance Sunday. We have been told that the commemoration takes place at Hoghton War Memorial opposite the Village Hall on Old Blackburn Road starting at 10.45 (This hasn't been officially communicated to us so it might be best to check). At the War Memorial in Wheelton a service is held at 12.30. Later a parade starts in the school yard next to the St John's church on Preston Road at 2.15pm, concluding with a service at Whittle-le-Woods War Memorial.