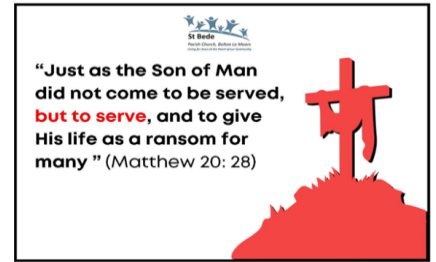


9th March 2025



Editorial

1st Sunday of Lent

Reading: : Luke 19 v 29-38

The crowd that followed Jesus to Bethsaida pursued Him with eagerness, despite their hunger and exhaustion. They longed to be in His presence, believing He had the words of life. Do we seek Him with the same passion? When difficulties arise, do we turn to Him first, or do we try to solve our problems on our own?

The disciples saw an impossible situation—thousands of hungry people with only five loaves and two fish—we, too, often face challenges that seem insurmountable. Instead of trusting in Jesus' power, we focus on our limitations, forgetting that He is the One who provides abundantly.

Jesus' response to the hungry crowd was not frustration but compassion. He saw their need and met it, just as He will do the same for us. When we bring our struggles—no matter how small or impossible they seem—He will make it possible.

The little boy's lunch fed thousands, and the disciples, who first doubted, later carried twelve baskets of leftovers—the 12 Basket of leftovers were a personal lesson for each disciple to trust him.

This miracle, like the overflowing wine at Cana, points to a greater truth: Jesus not only meets physical needs but also satisfies our deepest spiritual hunger. His broken body and shed blood are the ultimate provision, offering forgiveness, joy, and eternal life.

So, will you trust Him? Will you surrender your worries, your fears, and your limited resources to His hands? When we choose to trust and obey, Jesus will transform our struggles into testimonies



Please Pray for...

Minti R
David & Norma V
Barbara S
Brenda & Ken
Betty
Lee A
Stuart & family
Jackie
Isaac
Jodie
Anne H
Ross
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Norma M
Freda
Rebecca W
Samantha W
Emma H
Chloe
Alison H
Rachael B
John H & Debs
Matthew B
Gary, Poppy & Flo
Anna B



Rev Sweetline

Remember, this list is for those who need our prayers, not just the sick or bereaved.

This week at St Bede

Sunday 9th March

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we continue our Lent series reflecting on the Passion of Jesus as we explore how Jesus came to be our Messiah. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week

Monday 10th March

1pm St Bede Academy Year 1 Visit to Church

Meeting in the main church

7.30pm St Bede PCC Meeting

Meeting in the Community Room

Tuesday 11th March

7.30pm Lent Course

Join us for our 1st Lent Course session at St Andrews Church as we reflect on the 'Final Days' of Jesus' life.

Wednesday 12th March

6.15pm WOW

Our midweek service, Worship on Wednesday, continues this week as we explore the miracle of Jesus healing Blind Bartimaeus.

Friday 14th March

9.15am St Bede Academy Collective Worship

Taking place in church.

Sunday 16th March

10am Morning Service

Join us as we continue our Lent series reflecting on the Passion of Jesus as we explore Jesus' final days from the perspective of Mark's Gospel. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





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Heavenly Father, your Son
battled with the powers of
darkness and grew closer to you
in the desert: help us to use
these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer that we may witness
to your saving love in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Our Church depends very heavily on
fundraising as well as regular giving
to keep our Church afloat.

We ask that you do continue to give
by setting up a Standing Order from
your bank. Please contact our
Treasurer, Simon Brooks
for further details –
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visit our website
www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR
code below



'THE FINAL DAYS' LENT COURSE

If you want to go deeper into our
sermon series 'The Final Days'
then don't forget to also join us
for our Lent Course where we will
explore our sermon series themes
in more detail.

Our Lent Course begins this week
on Tuesday 11th March, 7.30pm,
at St Andrews Over Hulton and
will run for 5 weeks as we journey
through Lent together.

Please do come along and join us.



FILM BOX LENT COLLECTION

As usual during Lent, we are
asking you to take an empty film
box and fill this up with £1 coins
during the season of Lent and
return it just after Easter. Please
see Freda or Elaine for further
details.

LOST PROPERTY

There was a fur scarf (M&S) left at
the Ellesmere Club last week after
our Beetle Drive. Please speak to
Gill or Jean if you know who the
owner is



FUNDRAISING 2025

We are still looking for donations of
Easter Eggs for our Easter Bingo in
April. We need all sizes so as they are
already on the Supermarket shelves,
please donate what you can! Thank
you.

Our next event is our **Traditional
Mothers Day Afternoon Tea on 29th
March 2025**. Tickets and posters are
available now! Details on the next
page. Tickets will be limited so get
them whilst they are still available.

ST BEDE ELECTORAL ROLL

This is advance notice that this year
our electoral roll (our membership
list of our church) is being
completely revised.

This means this year everyone will
need to reapply to be on our church
electoral roll whether you are
currently on the electoral roll list or
not.

Application forms will be available
and open from **Sunday 16th March**
and close on **Sunday 30th March**.

It is important that if you consider
yourself a member of St Bede's
Church that you fill in a form.

If you have any questions please
speak to our Electoral Roll Officer:
Elaine Almond.





Traditional 'Mother's Day' *Afternoon Tea*

Starts at 2pm on Saturday 29th March 2025

Treat that someone special in your life to an Afternoon Tea, with full table service. A selection of finger sandwiches, savoury treats and homemade scones and cakes. Unlimited tea/coffee/soft drinks



Free gift for the lovely Mum's!

Entrance by ticket only



Classic Afternoon Tea

Tickets £10 for adults which includes a free glass of fizz and £4 for children (12yrs and under)

Tickets available from fundraising@st-bede.org.uk,
in Church or by messaging our Facebook page

'The Final Days' Lent Course 2025



Join us as we gather together as St Andrew's and St Bede's
for our joint Lent Course! We will be meeting every
Tuesday evening during Lent, 7.30pm-9pm,
at St Andrews.

We'll be delving deeper into the different Gospel
accounts of Jesus' final days through
worship, prayer and study together.

Our Lent Course sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 11th March - Looking for a Messiah

Tuesday 18th March - Yes I Am: Mark's Gospel

Tuesday 25th March - You Have Said So: Matthew's Gospel

Tuesday 1st April: A Covenant to Remember: Luke's Gospel

Tuesday 8th April: A Word that Weeps: John's Gospel

If you want to come along please sign up at the back of church.



Join us for our
new all-age
worship experience
at St Bede Church

Join us for fun, food, songs, games,
and activities as we explore faith and life together.

We meet every Wednesday
6.15pm-7pm
St Bede Church Community Room





St Bede's is a living Church, and its people are The Church. The Church's only financial support is its own Church family.

Please try to support our social and fundraising events as they are vital not only to the financial wellbeing of our Church but are great opportunities to get to know one another better.

Your Church thanks you for your gifts of money, time and talents.

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