

17<sup>th</sup> August 2025



## Editorial

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Judges 6 v 11-24

### Gideon

In our series of Old Testament leaders we are today looking at Gideon. He was a military leader, a judge, and a prophet but when God came to him, he was frightened and hiding in a wine press, milling grain to keep it from the Midianites.

After the Israelites had been led out of Egypt by Moses they had again turned away from God to worship gods of Baal they were trusting themselves not God. Soon they were taken over by the Midianites, who then controlled their food resources and forced them again into slavery. Gideon took time to trust God. He was given various signs i.e. fire, a wet or dry fleece, but also God insisted that the army was reduced from 32,000 to 300 which did not appear to be a sensible move.

The reduction in manpower was so it could have been seen that the power and success came from God not man. As Gideon was to learn like so many of us not once, but several times God's ways are best. God can and does use tough and difficult times to show us His ways and the power of His grace. Indeed, the tough times can be used by God to get our attention and then hopefully we will listen to Him.

The fact is that God knows the whole picture and the ending we do not, so we often get things out of perspective, and when things are going well, we appear not to rely upon God.

We are planning new things for the people of St Bede and the community of Morris Green. There are exciting times to come. These include new series of teaching and building plans as we seek to share with others the power and love of God. We don't need ask God for signs and tests but instead thank Him for the wonders of His grace as we move forward. Our part in the future church growth is to be obedient to God, to say yes when He calls us into the unknown and to trust Him for what is to come in the future.

We like Gideon may not have the resources, but God has, and by prayer He will show us and say to us "This is the way walk ye in it"

Amen

Pat Bristow - Reader Emeritus



## 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  
Samantha W

Emma H  
Chloe  
Rachael B  
John H & Debs  
Sue S  
Vinnie H  
Bishop David †  
Michael F  
Rev Malcolm  
Joanne  
Brian G  
David P  
Pat W

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



# This Summer at St Bede

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## **10am Family Communion**

Join us as we continue our sermon series 'God Calls Everyone' as we reflect on the call of Gideon

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## **11am BL Lunch Project**

Our team of volunteers will be available today between 11am-12pm with free lunches for children aged 4-18.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## **10am All-Age Service**

Worship with us as we continue our sermon series 'God Calls Everyone' as we reflect on how God called Samson to rescue God's people from the Philistines.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

## **11am BL Lunch Project**

Our team of volunteers will be available each day this week between 11am-12pm with free lunches for children aged 4-18. Please note there are NO lunches on Bank Holiday Monday.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

## **10am Family Communion**

Join us as we conclude our summer series 'God Calls Everyone' as we explore how God spoke and called the boy Samuel.



**St Bede Charity  
Partner 2025.**



## COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your  
Church in our day, and make her  
holy, strong and faithful, for your  
glory's sake 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 –  
[brooks\\_simon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brooks_simon@hotmail.co.uk)

visit our website  
[www.st-bede.org.uk](http://www.st-bede.org.uk) or scan the QR  
code below



## NEW ALPHA COURSE

We are delighted to announce that  
we are running a new Alpha Course  
in September.

Alpha is a great opportunity  
to explore the Christian faith in a  
relaxed and informal setting.

The 6 week course begins on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
at 7.15pm-  
8.15pm at St Bede Church.

It's an ideal course for anyone  
wanting to be confirmed this year in  
November.

For more information  
contact Sweetline or Vinny.



## THE NEWSLETTER IS HAVING A BREAK!

There will be no newsletter on  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. The next one to  
be published will be Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2025



**It's time for  
a Macmillan  
Coffee  
Morning  
and you're invited**

**Details are on the following pages**

## PUDDING NIGHT

Tickets are now available for our *Pudding  
Night* on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Tickets  
are priced at £8 per person and includes 4  
home made puddings to taste – and vote  
the winner – as well as a choir, a singer  
and a quiz with a difference. Poster on the  
following pages. Tickets will be limited so  
get them whilst you can!

## BL LUNCH PROJECT

At St Bede we are delighted to be  
partnering with Urban Outreach to be a  
host venue for the BL Lunch Project this  
summer - where we give out free lunches  
to children aged 4-18 who need a lunch.

Our team of volunteers will be available  
at the main church entrance between  
11am-12pm each day, Monday to Friday,  
ready to give out lunches

Please do spread the word and if you  
know of any children or families who you  
think would be interested, do encourage  
them to come along.



# Bolton Back 2 School Sunday

**Sunday 7th September  
10am, St Bede Church**

You are invited to join us as we mark Bolton Back 2 School Sunday where we can pray for our children, young people and staff as they return to school.

If you are going back to school, or even starting a new school, come along and bring your school bag too as we pray for you! We'll also be joined by Mrs Black, headteacher of our church school St Bede Academy.





# Summer Series

## 'God Calls Everyone'

Join us this summer as we reflect on how God called particular people through the Bible for important roles and how God also calls us today to serve Him!



**Noah**  
20th July



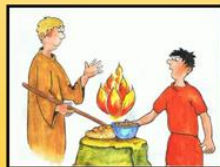
**Abraham**  
27th July



**Moses**  
3rd  
August



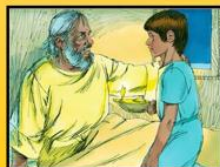
**Joshua**  
10th  
August



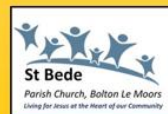
**Gideon**  
17th  
August



**Samson**  
24th  
August



**Samuel**  
31st  
August



Grief is hard.  
Death can impact  
all of life.

The Bereavement  
*Journey*  
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films  
and discussion  
**for anyone bereaved anytime**

**Topics include:**

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:  
[thebereavementjourney.org](http://thebereavementjourney.org)

**Running soon:**

**Tuesday 23rd  
September,  
7pm at St Andrews  
Church.**

To book your place contact the  
course leader:  
Eileen Brockbank  
07791 462839  
e-mail: [eileen.brockbank@btinternet.com](mailto:eileen.brockbank@btinternet.com)

# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

**Place:** 36 Hollins, Plodder Lane

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Time:** 11am – 7pm

**Contact:** Christina Millington

👑 This is a very special event –  
Christina is celebrating her 10th Year  
supporting Macmillan! 👑

Thank you for all your support over the years!

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**St Bede**

*Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors*

*Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community*



**Calling all dessert lovers!**

Join us for an evening of indulgence, laughter,  
and more puddings than you have seen in one place!

**Friday 12th September**  
**7:30pm**

**St Bede Church Community Room**

**Entry: £8 a ticket**



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*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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