

31st August 2025



Editorial

11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: 1 Samuel 3 v 1-14

Do you have selective hearing? Or perhaps you know people with selective hearing? Maybe your husband / wife or your children have selective hearing? You ask them to do a job and later when they haven't done it they plead with you that they didn't actually hear you.

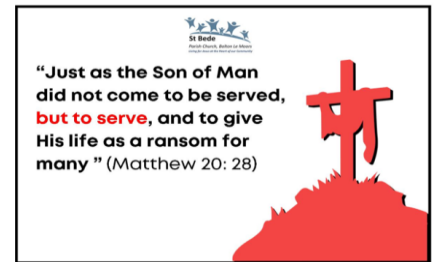
If we're honest all of us from time to time have selective hearing. Particularly when we are busy or stressed or our focus is elsewhere, we are not tuned in to the conversations around and we miss what is being said; or we choose not to listen to what is being said.

As we've been constantly reminded of during our summer sermon series 'God Calls Everyone' God loves each one of us so much and he longs to speak to us in our lives. Yet if we are not tuned into God or open to what God wants to say to us; we have selective hearing when it comes to God too.

Three times God called out to Samuel; and three times Samuel thought it was Eli rather than God calling his name. Yet when Samuel had the courage and faith to say to God 'Speak, your servant is listening', Samuel finally heard God's call.

I wonder: do you have the courage to pray those same words to God this week 'Speak, your servant is listening'? May we be in tune and open to what God wants to say to us and may we hear God's call in our own lives today.

Rev Vinny



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
Vinny H
Bishop David †
Michael F
Joanne
Brian G
David P
Pat W

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



This Week at St Bede

Sunday 31st 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.

Tuesday 2nd September

7pm Pause Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe returns this week. If you want a safe place to come and chat in a relaxed environment, then why not pop down this week?

Wednesday 3rd September

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club returns! Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and a great opportunity to make new friends.

To book your place contact Elaine Almond.



6pm WOW Leaders Meeting

****Note WOW returns next week on Wednesday 10th September ****

Thursday 4th September

7pm Prayer at Seven

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting as we pray for ourselves, our church and our community. This month we will be doing a prayer walk.

7.30pm Fundraising meeting

All are welcome!

Sunday 7th September

10am Back to School Sunday

Join us for this special all-age service as we pray for our children and staff as they go back to school. We also welcome this morning the Headteacher of St Bede Academy, Anna Black, as we pray for our church school.



St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our
searching, help us to lay aside 6
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom, and to give all
that we have to gain the pearl
beyond all price, through our
Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

visit our website
www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR
code below



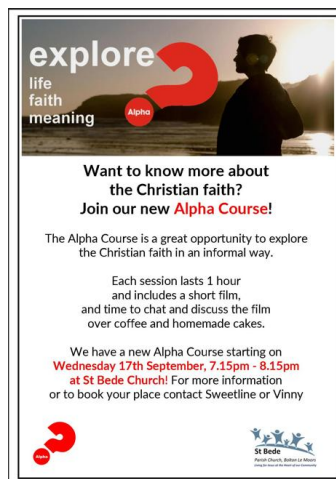
NEW ALPHA COURSE

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](#)

[17th September](#), 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.



SHELLY PRICE – 'SEND' LEAD AT ST BEDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

We are saddened to announce that
Shelly's partner, Tom, tragically
passed away last weekend following
an accident on Mount Snowden
doing what he loved most. Our
thoughts and prayers are with Shelly
and her family. If you wish to donate
to the work of Mountain Rescue
please do so using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/shelly-price-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



PUDDING NIGHT

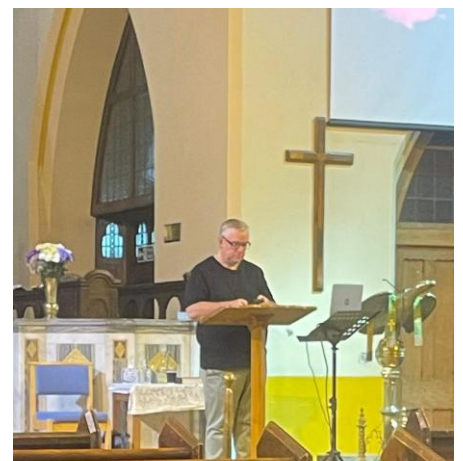
Tickets are now available for our *Pudding Night* on [Friday 12th September](#). Tickets are priced at £8 per person and includes 4 home made puddings to taste – and vote the winner – as well as a choir, a singer and a quiz with a difference. Tickets will be limited so get them whilst you can!

BL LUNCH PROJECT – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the BL Lunch Project here at St Bede. We were so blessed to have an amazing team of volunteers who gave up so much time to pick up or hand out lunches over the summer holidays.

MINISTRY IN ACTION

Readers (also called Licensed Lay Ministers) have a leadership role serving alongside clergy to support people in faith and enable mission. They are lay people who are trained and licensed by their bishop. St Paul's in Astley Bridge is currently in 'vacancy' meaning there is no vicar there. Our Reader, Tony Whitehead, is leading and preaching at 1 service a month to help out. You may have also heard in the local press and social media channels that St Paul's has had to close down with immediate effect and the congregation have moved to the church school in the short term. Please keep the parish and the parishioners in your thoughts as they try to secure another longer term venue.



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.



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

Running soon:

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

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



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



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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