

14th September 2025



Editorial

13th Sunday after Trinity/Holy Cross Day

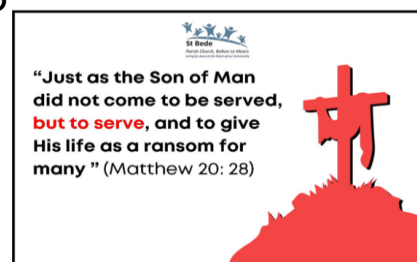
Reading: Luke 16 v1-16

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday, the challenge for this Sunday is for us to take a look at a very serious part of our lives and existence. As soon as we are conceived, we should begin by degrees to look at our responsibilities, because as soon as we enter creation, God welcomes us as one of His Children into His created world. This world is not ours, it does not belong to us, it is God's, likewise our possessions, all that we 'own' is not ours, we are simply custodians of it, it is entrusted to us by Almighty God, creator of the world and everything in it.

If our earthly parents gave us a house to live in, and to care for over the years, if we lived there and did not look after it and allowed it to fall into disrepair, how would we feel when they called us to account for our neglect and lack of care, our selfishness? Unless we were utterly without shame, we would feel nothing. Otherwise we would feel utterly ashamed and wish the ground would open up and swallow us!

Jesus teaches us to be obedient to the Call of God upon us, all Jesus is asking us to do, is to be faithful, to His Call and Word. To care for His creation and to recognise God's vital part in creation, and to realise that our part in His creation is but transitory, and as we pass through be a shrewd tenant. We cannot serve two masters, 'God and money', we can only serve one, 'GOD.'

Rev Malcolm



Please Pray for...

Minti R	Emma H
David & Norma V	Chloe
Barbara S	Rachael B
Brenda & Ken	John H & Debs
Betty	Sue S
Lee A	Vinny H
Stuart & family	Bishop David †
Jackie	Michael F
Isaac	Joanne
Jodie	Brian G
Anne H	David P
Ross	Pat W
Belinda K	Pause Café
Phil & Sue B	Reordering Project
Norma M	
Freda	
Samantha W	

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



This Week at St Bede

Sunday 14th August

10am Holy Communion (Reordering Project Gift Day)

Join us for our special service where we are holding a gift day for our church reordering project as we reflect on how we can be good stewards of all that God has given us.

We are also delighted to announce that our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' returns this week.

Tuesday 16th September

7.30pm St Bede PCC Meeting

Meeting in the Community Room

Wednesday 17th September

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Worship with us this week as we continue to reflect on the character of God by exploring how God is Love!

Our Youth Group also meets again this week

7.15pm Alpha Course

Our new Alpha Course begins this week. Come and join us as we explore the big questions of life and faith. For more information contact Sweetline or Vinny

Sunday 21st September

10am Holy Communion

Join us in this season of Creationtide as we begin a new sermon series reflecting on how we can care for God's creation. We begin our series by reflecting on God's wonderful world.

Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through 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

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.

ST BEDE REORDERING PROJECT GIFT DAY

[Sunday 14th September](#)

As we announced last week; today we are holding a special gift day as we launch our Reordering Project Fund.

If you weren't in church last week you can read a copy of the letter we sent out last Sunday in this newsletter.

Please do prayerfully consider whether you could make a one-off gift today to help get our fund off the ground.

There are envelopes at the back of church specially labelled 'Reordering Project' if you wish to make a donation via the collection plate or you can donate to the fund using our bank details.

A copy of the proposed plans are also on show at the back of church if you want to look at our plans in more detail.

If you are not around in church this week; you can make donations to the Reordering Project at anytime.

If you have any further questions then please do speak to Vinny or the Wardens.

PAUSE CAFÉ – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT

Pause runs monthly as a support cafe in the Community Room at St Bede. It is open to anyone and takes the form of an unstructured support group where people can talk or just listen in a safe, warm space. The group is adaptable to whatever the needs are - even if someone wants to talk 1-1 this can be accommodated and there are plenty of signposting materials available.

Since starting the group I have opened a Facebook page and am looking at a website - I am trying to put the word out to as many people in the area as possible. Through social media we have had a few people reaching out to us but sometimes they don't feel ready to attend. By running the group we are offering support to people if and when they are ready to accept it. We may have to wait months before those people get the courage to come along - but when they do we will be there to welcome them.

Over the coming months I am looking at maybe running a few sessions on mindfulness in the group to see if I can break down some of the barriers in actually making it through the door.

If you know anyone who might be interested in attending the group please pass on the details or ask them to email me on pausebotlon@gmail.com for a chat and more information.

Stephanie Williams

SONGS OF PRAISE!

The Ministry Team are currently in the process of arranging a Evangelistic weekend in October 2025 and as part of that event, we will be holding a *Songs of Praise* morning in Church on the Saturday morning followed by a BBQ! The whole Morris Green Community will be invited. So, if you want your favourite hymn or worship song played, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter

St Bede Ministry Team

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:
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e-mail: eileen.brockbank@btinternet.com

explore
life
faith
meaning

Alpha

**Want to know more about
the Christian faith?
Join our new Alpha Course!**

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore
the Christian faith in an informal way.

Each session lasts 1 hour
and includes a short film,
and time to chat and discuss the film
over coffee and homemade cakes.

We have a new Alpha Course starting on
Wednesday 17th September, 7.15pm - 8.15pm
at St Bede Church! For more information
or to book your place contact Sweetline or Vinny



CreateBoltonPresents...

FRIDAY
7th
NOVEMBER

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Performing a variety of show tunes, swing, marches and much much more...

CC Concert Band + Midweek Sax

Fundraiser **£10** £5 for
over 65
& under
18

Concert Starts: 7.30pm

St Peters Church, 419 Church Rd,
Bolton BL1 5RH

For Tickets contact Cafe Create, Andrew K,
Chandran, Church Office or by on
www.createbolton.org.uk (Events)

www.createbolton.org.uk | createbolton@gmail.com



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.

New for September
2025: WOW also includes
a older youth group for
those in Year 7-9 at
secondary school

We meet every Wednesday
(term-time) 6.15pm-7pm St Bede Church
Community Room





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St Bede Reordering Project Gift Day 2025

Dear Member of St Bede Church

As a church we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the reordering plans for St Bede Church and invite you to prayerfully consider financially contributing to the project to help us to grow in our mission as we seek to live for Jesus at the heart of our community.

Over the last couple of years we have seen exciting new growth at St Bede; with the introduction of our midweek WOW service which has effectively doubled the size of our congregation and outreach into our community with our new PAUSE café. God is powerfully at work here in this place! Yet we are now in a position where our community room is not big enough for WOW or the events that we want to hold in church and our church entrance and toilet block is in great need of refurbishment and requires improvements to make our church accessible for all.

As you are aware; our PCC have been working closely with our church architect to draw up plans to redevelop the entrance, toilet block and community room so that our facilities are better equipped to support the growth that we are currently seeing. This includes:

- Expanding the Community Room into Church with bi-fold doors to make our building more flexible
- Refurbishing the toilet block and introducing disabled and baby-changing facilities
- Building a new external glazed porch to improve our welcome space

We will share the latest proposed plans at the back of church for you to see the plans in more detail.

This project is a step of faith for us as a church; as it will have significant costs. As we move forward with these plans we will need huge financial support. We hope we will cover most of our costs through grant funding, but we as a church will also need to contribute to these costs ourselves.

Therefore this month we are setting up a reordering project fund and are holding a **Reordering Project Gift Day** on **Sunday 13th September** to launch our fund. Please could you prayerfully consider whether next week you could make a financial gift towards our re-ordering project? To make a donation; please use the attached envelope or you can donate via BACS using the following details (Bank: Lloyds TSB, Account Name: St Bede's Parochial Church Council, Sort Code: 30-96-85, Account Number: 02869759 – please also indicate this is for the Reordering Project). Your gift will make a huge difference as we continue to grow as a church and bring glory to God.

Yours in Christ

Vinny
(Rev'd Canon Vincent Whitworth, Vicar, St Bede Church)



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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