

7th September 2025



Editorial

Back to School Sunday

Reading: Colossians 3 v 12-17

The annual tradition of Back-to-School Sunday is a prayerful opportunity to bless and support children, young people, school staff, and families in our community.

Back to School Sunday offers a meaningful way to engage with our parish and school and affirm God's presence in every school journey.

Back to School Sunday is a missional celebration that brings together worship, thanksgiving, and prayer at the start of the school year. It is a chance to:

- Encourage and bless children and young people as they return to school.
- Support teachers and school staff with prayer and appreciation.
- Reconnect with families in your parish and welcome new families that are joining the St Bede Family
- Strengthen links with our Church school.
- Celebrate God's presence in everyday life and learning.

This year's Back to School Sunday explores three key themes:

1. God knows everything about you - you are never alone at school.
2. God is shaping us - every experience helps us grow.
3. God has good plans for you – even the tough days are part of His purpose.

**Tony Whitehead – Licensed Lay
Minister (Reader)**



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 7th August

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. Don't forget to bring your school bags / book bags!

We also welcome this morning the Headteacher of St Bede Academy, Anna Black, as we pray for our church school

Wednesday 10th September

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our midweek service WOW returns this week after the summer break. This term we are exploring characteristics of God, and we begin this evening by exploring how God is Holy.

Tonight, we also launch our new older youth group for young people in Years 7-9 which will run at the same time as WOW in the choir vestry. If you are in Year 7-9, we'd love to see you

Friday 12th September

8pm St Bede Pudding Night

Don't forget to get your tickets for a fabulous night of homemade pudding tasting and entertainment in the community room.

Sunday 14th September

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.





St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent
your Son to save us : remind us
of your goodness, increase your
grace within us, that our
thankfulness may grow, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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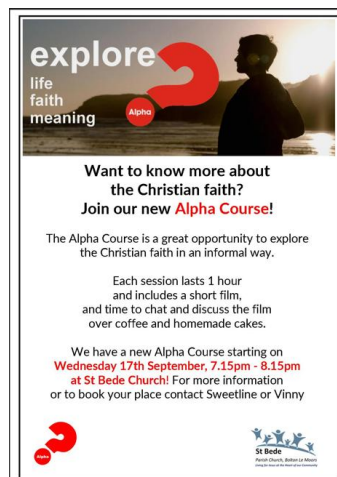


NEW ALPHA COURSE

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
Vinnie.



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!

**YOU WILL NEED A SMART PHONE
WITH YOU FOR THE QUIZ!!!**

ST BEDE REORDERING PROJECT GIFT DAY

[Sunday 14th September](#)

This weekend at St Bede we will be
sharing an update on our reordering
project and asking people to
prayerfully consider contributing to
our new reordering project fund
through a special gift day on [Sunday](#)
[14th September](#).

Please do pick up a letter this weekend
from church and pray about how you
might respond as we seek to grow as a
church and live for Jesus at the heart
of our community.

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY

A massive thank you for all who
generously supported the MacMillan
Coffee morning last week. £930.00
was raised.

Christina did an amazing job in her
10th year of hosting this event.



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.



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all of life.

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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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Embracing Wisdom

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." – **Proverbs 4:7**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." – **James 1:5**

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance." – **Proverbs 1:5**

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." – **Proverbs 2:6**

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." – **Psalms 119:105**

Being Prepared

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – **Isaiah 41:10**

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." – **Philippians 4:13**

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." – **Ephesians 6:10**

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." – **1 Peter 5:7**

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." – **Colossians 3:23**

Courage to Face Challenges

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – **Joshua 1:9**

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind." – **2 Timothy 1:7**

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" – **Psalms 27:1**

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." – **Isaiah 40:31**

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." – **Romans 8:37**

Building Relationships

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." – **Proverbs 18:24**

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour." – **Ecclesiastes 4:9**

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." – **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." – **Hebrews 10:24**

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." – John 15:12

Finding Peace in Stress

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." – John 14:27

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." – Psalm 46:10

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." – 1 Peter 5:10

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

Staying Focused on Goals

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." – Proverbs 16:3

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 3:14

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." – Proverbs 21:5

Perseverance through Trials

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." – James 1:12

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." – Romans 5:3-4

"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good." – 2 Thessalonians 3:13

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." – Hebrews 12:1

Sharing God's Love

"We love because he first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." – Matthew 5:14

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." – Colossians 3:12

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." – Romans 12:10



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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