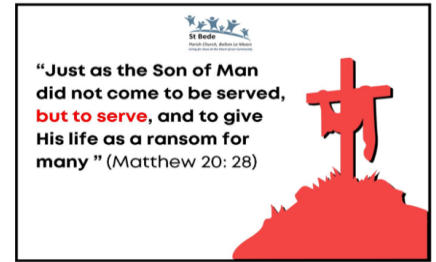


26<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## Editorial

Last Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Genesis 16 v 1-16

Too often, in our desire to serve God, we take matters into our own hands—crafting plans, pushing timelines, and striving for outcomes we believe are best. Yet Scripture reminds us that God’s ways are higher than ours. In *Genesis 16*, Sarai, unable to bear children, urges Abram to have a child with Hagar. Though well-intentioned, this decision—born of impatience and doubt—leads to conflict and sorrow. Sarai’s plan was not God’s plan.

Like Sarai, we may act out of fear or frustration, attempting to fulfil God’s promises through human effort. But God calls us to trust, not to control. His faithfulness is not dependent on our strategies. When we surrender our will and wait on Him, we make space for His perfect timing and provision.

As we seek to serve, may we resist the urge to force outcomes. Instead, let us walk in faith, trusting that God sees, hears, and remembers—just as He did with Hagar in the wilderness. Our role is not to orchestrate His plan, but to follow it with humility and trust.

Let us be faithful servants, confident that God’s promises are sure, and His timing, always right.

Tony Whitehead - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)



## 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	Re-Ordering Project
Belinda K	WoW & Beyond WoW
Phil & Sue B	Pause Café
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 26<sup>th</sup> October

## 10am Baptism

Today we welcome the family and friends of Lyla Mae Toner who is being baptised this morning. Today at our all-age service we also continue our series exploring the life of Abraham as we reflect on how Abraham continued to trust in God's plan.

**\*\*\* As it is half term this week many of our regular activities are taking a break \*\*\***

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## 10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age communion service as we continue our sermon series reflecting on the life of Abraham. This week we will be reflecting on how we can follow Abraham's example as Abraham faithfully followed God.





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester



## St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



### COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of 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



**October** –Unwanted new gifts/Bottles

**November** – Cuddly Toys

We also urgently need donations of the following;

- Chocolate and sweets
- Gift bags
- Food for a Christmas Hamper

### ST BEDE INCOME AND ATTENDANCE SURVEY

#### Last Week for Income Surveys

This Sunday is the final Sunday for you to complete and post your income survey.

The income and attendance surveys are used to calculate how much parish share we pay to our Diocese as part of our ongoing mission costs.

If you haven't yet completed an income survey then please do so this weekend.

Thank you for all your help and support.

### OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Tickets are now available for our next event – Tropics Night with cheese & wine.

We will also have a Christmas 🎄 flower arrangement demonstration

Tickets will be limited, so get them while you can!

### LUNCHEON CLUB UPDATE

Our next Luncheon Club gathering will take place on **Wednesday 5th November**.

We'll also be collecting names and payments for the **Christmas Luncheon Club**, which will be held on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The cost is **£12**, which includes a traditional Christmas dinner, your choice of trifle or Christmas pudding, mince pies, and a glass of wine.

Please speak to Elaine for more information or to reserve your place.

Elaine Almond

Please join The Mayor of Bolton for the . . .

### Annual Remembrance Weekend events 2025

<p><b>Annual Remembrance Concert</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 6th November Doors open 6.15pm, concert commences 7pm. Carriages approx. 10pm Albert Halls, Bolton Tickets £9* Proceeds to the Bolton Cadet Forces</p>	<p><b>Annual Remembrance Service</b></p> <p><b>Sunday</b> 9th November 10.40am Victoria Square</p> <p>Remembrance Service led by the Vicar of Bolton. The service will include a two minute silence and maroon fire.</p>	<p><b>Armistice Day Service</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 11th November 10.50am Victoria Square</p> <p>Remembrance Service led by the Vicar of Bolton. The service will include a two minute silence and maroon fire.</p>
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Concert Tickets available from: [www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk)  
Or by calling the box office on 0161 876 1715  
\*Subject to booking fees

Enquiries to the mayors office on 01204-331090 or email: [mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk)

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### WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW Service and Beyond WOW Youth Group are taking a 2 week break for half term. WOW and Beyond WOW will return on **Wednesday 12th November**.



# Tropics Evening

**With Cheese & Wine**

A selection of cheeses and biscuits available along with Red & White wines and soft drinks.

Tickets priced at £6.00 and are available from Jean in Church or email [fundraising@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk)

**Thursday November 13th 7.30pm**  
St Bede Parish Church Normanby Street, Bolton, BL3 3QR



*We will also have a demonstration for an Christmas Flower Arrangement to be raffled on the night*



# PAUSE

(SAFE SPACE & SUPPORT GROUP)

## OPEN EVENT

4th NOVEMBER

7.00 PM

THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM,  
ST BEDES CHURCH  
BOLTON BL3 3QX

All welcome  
Refreshments Provided

[pausebolton@gmail.com](mailto:pausebolton@gmail.com)

Come along for some cake,  
chat and support. Look  
forward to meeting you.

Events in 25/26  
Peer Support Group  
1:1 Soundboard  
Mindfulness  
Wellness Journaling



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St Bede Parish Church

INVITES YOU TO OUR

# 2025 CHRISTMAS FAYRE!



Saturday, 22nd November



Doors Open: 10:00 AM – 1.00 PM



Venue: St Bede Primary Academy  
School Hall

- A variety of stalls to browse and shop
- A cozy café serving hot food, cakes, and hot & cold drinks
- Fun for all ages!

**Special Guest: Santa Claus** will be there to spread Christmas cheer!

- Entrance Fee: £1.00  
(Children go FREE)

**Come along and make it a day to remember!**





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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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