

5th October 2025



Editorial

Harvest Festival

Reading: Psalm 100

Genesis chapter 1 says. When God saw what He had made He said it was good.

Those words were read on Christmas Eve 1968 by astronauts in Apollo 11 circling the earth. This was history before man landed on the moon the following year.

In space they could appreciate the beauty and fragility of our wonderful world.

The earth that we praise God for in Psalm 100, the earth that we seek to harvest for mankind. This week there we have a small example of harvest brought to give to those in need. Practically we now bring tins and non-perishables which will be given to Urban Outreach. As we continue to think of Creationtide we can see how it fits with harvest.

Sadly, there is still continual waste and many go hungry. In St Matthews gospel Jesus tells us the harvest is ready, but the labourers are few. We are the ones to harvest. The harvest is people whom God wants to be told of His love. When people miss out on God's love or do not hear His word they lose the chance to live a full productive life in His service as part of His worldwide family.

Let us ask God to show us ways to love one another and share the good news of Jesus with a weary world.

Pat Bristow, Reader Emeritus



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 5th October

10am Harvest Festival + Pat's Final Service

Join us for our all-age service as we celebrate Harvest and all the good gifts which God has given us. We will also be joined by pupils and staff from St Bede Academy. We'll also be saying thank you to Pat for her 37 years ministry as a Reader at St Bede Church with a bring and share lunch after the service. We will also be celebrating Rev Vinny's installation as Honorary Canon this afternoon at Manchester Cathedral.

5.30pm Evensong and Installation of Canons

Vinny has been invited to be an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral in recognition of his wider work within the Diocese. Vinny will be installed at a special service in Manchester Cathedral during evensong

Tuesday 7th October

7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe returns this week. A safe place to come and chat with people over a cup of tea/coffee and to find mutual support.

7.30pm Church Secondary School Signing

Vinny will be in church to sign church secondary school supplementary forms this evening. Please book an appointment if you haven't already done so.

Wednesday 8th October

10.30am St Bede Academy Year 3 Visit to Church

6.15pm WOW

Join us for our all-age worship as we continue to explore God's Character by reflecting on how God is our Friend. Our Youth Group **Beyond WOW** for those in Year 7 upwards also meets tonight.

7.15pm Alpha Course

Our Alpha Course continues tonight as we explore the question 'How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?'

Friday 10th October

2.30pm Light Up Event: St Bede Academy Sing Along

Our 'Light Up' Weekend begins with pupils from our church school performing songs and reciting poems in church. Please do come along and support them.

Saturday 11th October

11am Light Up Event: Songs of Praise

Our 'Light Up' Weekend continues with a Songs of Praise followed by a Pie and Pea Lunch.

Sunday 12th October

10am Light Up Event: Healing and Wellness Service

Join us for a special service centred on restoration, renewal, relaxation and connection including a children's puppet show.



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
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St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



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Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, 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



CHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING EVENING

If your child is in Year 6 this year and you are applying for a church secondary school (St James or Canon Slade) and you need your supplementary church form signing; then Vinny will be holding an evening where he will sign your forms on **Tuesday 7th October** at St Bede Church.

Please contact Vinny to book a 10 minute appointment. Appointments are available from 7.30pm onwards.



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

Each year during October, we are required by our Diocese to ask all our regular members of St Bede to fill in an anonymous Income Survey. This is used to calculate how much parish share we should pay to our Diocese as part of our ongoing ministry costs.

Income Survey forms are now available at the back of church. If you are a regular member, then please fill in a form and place it in the box also located at the back of church.

Each week we will also be conducting an attendance survey of regular worshippers which is also used to calculate our parish share.

Thank you for your support in helping us with these surveys.

ST BEDE HARVEST FESTIVAL + PAT'S RETIREMENT SERVICE

Do join us for our special Harvest Festival service this year! We are delighted that staff and pupils from St Bede Academy will be attending and the pupils will be singing for us.

Our harvest gifts this year will as always be donated to Urban Outreach for their various food projects. In particular, Urban Outreach would be very grateful for any of the following harvest gifts: Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Rice Pudding, Tinned Meat Meals, UHT Milk

This year's Harvest Service is particularly special as our reader Pat Bristow will be preaching her final sermon at St Bede after 37 years of reader ministry at St Bede before she hangs up her reader robes! There will be a special bring and share lunch following the service as we give thanks for Pat's ministry. We also be celebrating Vinny's installation as Canon later that day!

A MESSAGE FROM PAT

In 1982 I was licensed as a reader. This involved much soul searching, and compromise, to find new ways to heal, grow and share God's love with others. I have learned much, made many mistakes, misunderstood people, but through it all I have been blessed to know wonderful people. A reader is called to be a bridge between people in varying circumstances. To preach, teach, to pastor, to show God's love to others. Through family life in all its joys and sorrows, from Didsbury to Daisy Hill, to Deane, but for 37 years here at St Bede has been my spiritual home.

Malcolm has been a wonderful support and the people here a living encouragement. It has been a privilege and joy to minister here. Thank you. You have all been our extended family. I look forward to the coming adventures we will share in the future. To quote from an inspirational hymn **God sent His son they call Him Jesus. Because He lives I can face tomorrow.**

I pray you can all say the same.

Pat Bristow



St Bede Parish invites you to

LightUp

@ St Bede Community Event



Friday 10th October – St Bede Primary Academy

The children will be singing songs, reciting poems
and reading lessons



All are welcome – 2.30pm with refreshments



Saturday 11th October – Songs of Praise

A chance to sing your favourite hymns or worship songs

All are welcome – 11.00am with a Pie & Peas lunch afterwards

Sunday 12th October – Healing and Wellness Service

Join us for a special service centred on restoration, renewal,
relaxation and connection. This uplifting service is designed to
nurture the body, mind and spirit through prayer, worship and
community support. Includes a special children's 'Puppet
Show' 10am in Church



*Whether you are seeking healing, hope or
simply a place to belong, you will be
warmly welcomed. Bring a friend and
be part of this time of renewal for our community.*





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



Pause...

A NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Need to talk about something, feeling alone or down? Come along and chat with others looking for some support.



ST BEDE'S CHURCH
COMMUNITY ROOM
MORRIS GREEN

1ST TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
7PM - 8.30PM



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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