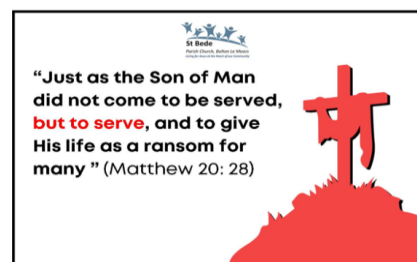


16th November 2025



Editorial

2nd Sunday before Advent

Reading: Genesis 22 v 1-18

Our bible reading this week is a shocking story. After an amazing journey through trial and difficulty and trusting the promises of God and many years of waiting, Abraham and Sarah finally receive the long awaited gift of a child. “Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.” Imagine the joy they must have felt.

What happens next is beyond belief. God ‘tests’ Abraham’s faith by asking him to give up Isaac, the son he loves and waited twenty-five years for. God calls Abraham to sacrifice his one and only Son.

Abraham hears the voice of God asking him to do something unthinkable and Abraham obeys. His obedience is based on trust. God has been with him from the beginning of his journey of faith until now and so he trusts God.

This reminds us that serving God is not always easy, and sometimes we have to be willing to make sacrifices and pay the cost. We need to exhibit the character qualities of Abraham.

How can we mature in our faith and obedience to God when He calls us to make sacrifices in our own lives, as we seek to serve and worship Him?

Carol Hardman – Authorised Lay Minister



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	Ken K
Belinda K	Re-Ordering Project
Phil & Sue B	WoW & Beyond WoW
Norma M	Pause Café
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 16th November

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we conclude our series exploring the life of Abraham as we look at the story of Abraham and Isaac.

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

Wednesday 19th November

6pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW services continue this week as we continue our series looking at the character of God. Our theme this week is 'God is Powerful'. Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meets tonight at the same time for those in Year 7+

Saturday 22nd November

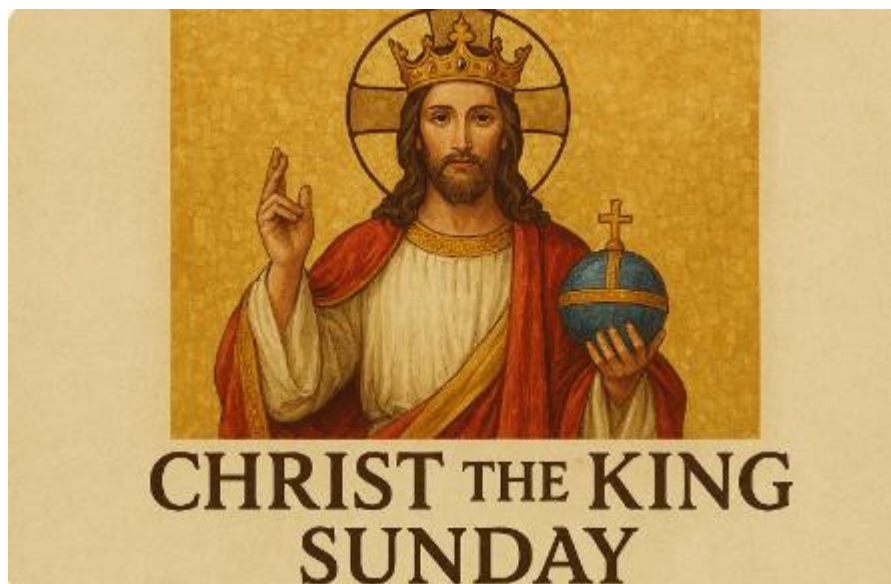
10am St Bede Christmas Fayre

Don't forget to join us for our Annual Christmas Fayre today at St Bede School. Starting with our Grand Opening at 10am with St Bede School Choir - this is an unmissable event so please bring your family and friends.

Sunday 23rd November

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service on this Christ the King Sunday as we reflect on the power of King Jesus to heal us today.





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Christmas Fayre
Monthly Appeal

St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in 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



November – Cuddly Toys

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS CAMPAIGN 2026

This year we are going custard crazy for Christmas Dinner on Jesus as we have pledged to collect 1600 cartons of custard for Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign.

The cartons **MUST** be 500g in size! Please support us by buying in your custard now and bringing it to church.

Earlier this week across our 2 churches we have so far collected over **500** cartons of custard Thank you for your support.

Finally as a church we are able to nominate a small number of people to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus Hamper If you know of anyone who is struggling or had a tough year and you think would appreciate a Christmas Dinner on Jesus please speak to Vinny.

COFFEE ROTA 2026

We are looking for volunteers to join our coffee rota for next year.

This involves providing teas and coffees in the community room following the Sunday morning service, setting up prior to the service and tidying up afterwards.

Currently it is a once every six weeks commitment but more volunteers on the rota would make it less onerous. If you feel you can help in anyway then please speak to Elaine Almond.

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, a national event across the Church of England, where we highlight with gratitude the work which is done throughout our church to make sure that our churches are a safe environment for all.

Here at St Bede we are so grateful for the work that our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Carol Hardman, does behind the scenes ensuring that safeguarding is a priority here at St Bede. We are also thankful for the work that Judith Kelleway does in supporting Carol by processing all our DBS checks.

On this Safeguarding Sunday may we take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns or enquiries regarding safeguarding here at St Bede, please do contact Carol: safeguarding@st-bede.org.uk

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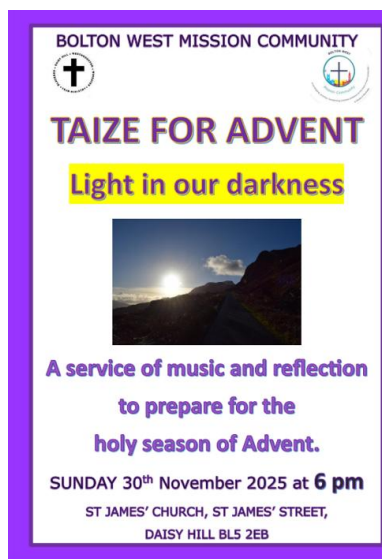
Other News

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK AND SCARLETT!

Congratulations to Mark and Scarlett who were confirmed at a wonderful Mission Community Confirmation Service led by Bishop Matthew at St John's Lostock last weekend. It was a fantastic service and we are so delighted for Mark and Scarlett as they took the next step on their faith journey.



MISSION COMMUNITY ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE



Join with people from across our Mission Community for a special Taize style service to begin the season of Advent.

'Light in the Darkness' is on [Sunday 30th November](#), 6pm at St James' Church, Daisy Hill.



Join us for fun, food, songs, games,
and activities as we explore faith and life together.

We meet every Wednesday
6.15pm-7pm
St Bede Church Community Room



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!





Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2025

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign for 2025!

This year we are going custard crazy as we have committed to collect **1,600 500g Cartons of Custard** for Christmas Dinner on Jesus by Sunday 30th November

Please support us by bringing in your donations today as we support Urban Outreach in providing local people in need with a free Christmas Dinner this Christmas.





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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