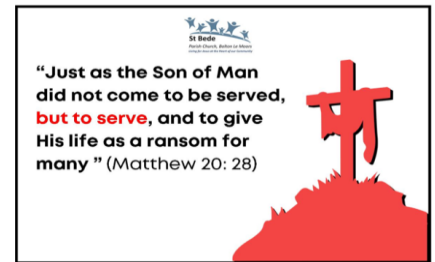


2nd November 2025



Editorial

4th Sunday before Advent

Reading: Genesis 17 v 1-8

This is a major occurrence in Abram’s life and at which is the grand old age of 99 years. Of course, in Biblical times it appears that people generally lived much longer lives! In our times, should someone live to be 99 or 100, they are thought to have lived to be very old! The passage tells us that Abram ‘fell face downwards,’ not because of his age, but he knew he was in the presence of Holiness, ‘The Lord Almighty’.

Now Abram was not new to the experience of being in the presence of ‘The Lord Almighty’, so he acted appropriately, and gave homage to God. God instructed Abram ‘to walk before Him, blameless and faithfully’, as He instructs all of us who follow Him to do so, and we try to, ‘Live lives worthy of the Lord,’ throughout our lives, however we can only do so with God’s help.

In our lives there are many more things available to us in this technological age, to knock us off balance in our quest to live lives worthy of the Lord. Ephesians 2.10, echo God’s words to us to follow ‘Christ Jesus, to emulate His works, which God has planned for us to do.

If you are feeling ‘down’, or disappointed, that you are not good enough to obey what God is asking, or that your will is not strong enough to carry God’s instructions through, remember this, that God in Christ is not far away, He is only a Prayer away, just seek Him in Prayer, to strengthen us through His Holy Spirit, to be faithful to Him.

From this experience in God’s presence, Abram changed, in the strength of his resolve to do God’s will, God also changed his birth name from Abram to Abraham, the Father of many nations.

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	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 2nd 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.

Sunday 4th November

7pm PAUSE Cafe Open Event

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe; a safe space and support group, are holding an open evening this week. If you want to come along or find out more come along to our open event this week.

Wednesday 5th November

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly luncheon club returns this week. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and an opportunity to meet friends old and new. To book your place contact Elaine or David Almond.

Sunday 9th November

10am Remembrance Sunday Service

Join us for our annual Remembrance Day Service as we give thanks for those who gave their lives for our freedom. We'll also be continuing our series looking at the life of Abraham.

Our Church Rocks Group meets this week.





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester



St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; 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



November – Cuddly Toys

We also urgently need donations of the following;

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

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.

Each week we'll be providing an update on how much custard we have collected with our friends from St Andrews Church.



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>Annual Remembrance Concert</p> <p>Thursday 6th November Doors open 6.15pm, concert commences 7pm. Cartidges approx. 10pm Albert Halls, Bolton Tickets £9* <small>Proceeds to the Bolton Cadet Forces</small></p>	<p>Annual Remembrance Service</p> <p>Sunday 9th November 10.40am Victoria Square Remembrance Service led by the Vicar of Bolton. The service will include a two minute silence and maroon fire.</p>	<p>Armistice Day Service</p> <p>Tuesday 11th November 10.50am Victoria Square 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
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

Bolton Council

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

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

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!





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.



**URBAN
OUTREACH**





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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