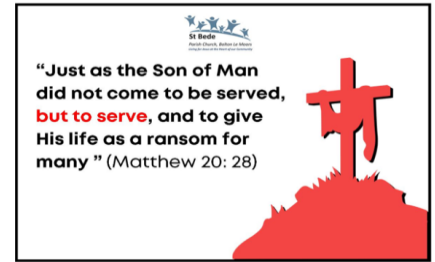
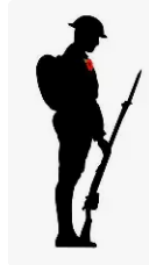


2nd November 2025



Editorial

Remembrance Sunday

Reading: Genesis 18 v 1-15

Remembrance Sunday is a sacred moment in the national calendar—a time to honour the men and women who gave their lives in service, defending freedom and standing against tyranny. For Christians, this day carries deep spiritual resonance, rooted in themes of sacrifice, peace, and hope.

The words of Jesus in John 15:13 echo through the silence of remembrance: *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* Those who fell in battle demonstrated a love that mirrors Christ’s own sacrifice—a selfless giving for the sake of others. Their legacy calls us not only to remember, but to live lives marked by compassion, justice, and reconciliation.

As the nation gathers in churches and at memorials, we do so in prayerful reflection. We pray for peace in our world, for healing among nations, and for comfort for those who mourn. We also give thanks for the hope we have in Christ, who conquered death and offers eternal life. In Him, even the darkest chapters of history are not without redemption.

Remembrance Sunday is not just about the past—it is a call to action. As Christians, we are invited to be peacemakers, to stand against injustice, and to build communities rooted in love. The Beatitudes remind us: *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”*

In remembering the fallen, we honour their sacrifice and renew our commitment to the values they died defending. And in faith, we look forward to a day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares, and war will be no more.

May our remembrance be not only solemn, but sacred—and may it inspire us to live lives worthy of their sacrifice

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



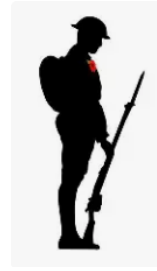
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Minti R	Emma H
David & Norma V	Chloe
Barbara S	Rachael B
Brenda & Ken	John H & Debs
Betty	Sue S
Lee A	Vinny H
Stuart & family	Bishop David †
Jackie	Michael F
Isaac	Joanne
Jodie	Brian G
Anne H	David P
Ross	Ken K
Belinda K	Re-Ordering Project
Phil & 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 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.

6.30pm Mission Community Confirmation Service (at St John's Church Lostock)

We are delighted that 2 members of our congregation; Mark Franklin and Scarlett Fogg are being confirmed this evening. Please do pray for them as they take this step of faith and come along and support if you are able.

Monday 10th November

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Our PCC are meeting in the Community Room this evening.

Wednesday 12th November

6pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW service returns this week after the half term break as we continue to reflect on the character of God. Our theme this week is exploring God's Faithfulness. Our youth group Beyond WOW also meet tonight.

Thursday 13th November

7.30pm Tropics Evening

Join us for our Tropics Social Event taking place this week in the Community Room. Tickets are only £6 Make sure you pick up your tickets this weekend!

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.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester



St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease and poverty and pain
shall end, that earth may know
the peace of heaven 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.



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

CHRISTMAS WITH FRIENDS'

... presented by Bolton Cancer Voices Choir, with special guests the 30-strong CC Concert Band.

Concert goers are invited to embrace the holiday spirit and celebrate the season with a night of festive favourites, merry melodies and sentimental sing-a-longs, in the atmospheric surroundings of Bolton's stunning Parish Church:, on **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 7-15PM**: a night not to be missed.

There's no better way to ease yourself into Christmas: booking recommended.

Tickets £12-00 available via members or through the Ticket Secretary on 01204 595562





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



WOW

Worship On Wednesday



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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