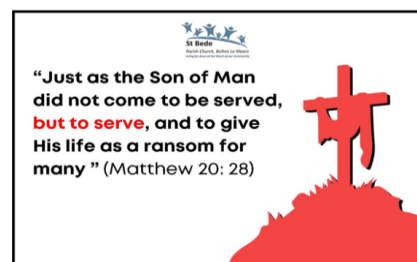


21st December 2025

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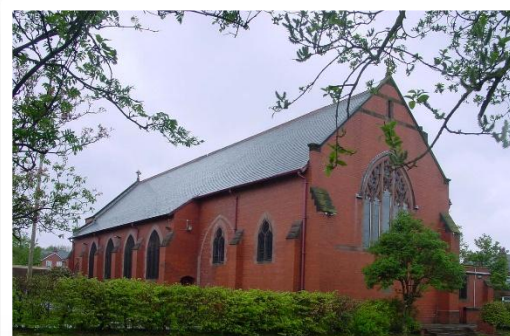
4th Sunday of Advent – Christingle

Advent is a time of preparation for Christians, during this time falls the Jewish celebration of Hanukah, a festival of Light, when darkness is banished and light covers the earth and all creation!

In the light, nothing can hide and nothing which is feared can lurk! The Gospel of John echoes this in chapter 1 v9 ‘The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.’ Jesus is the Light of the world. The whole Christmas Story is filled with light brought with the Angels appearing to The Holy Family, The Shepherds, The Magi, and all mankind

In this time of preparation for the Holy Light our hearts and minds go out to the family and friends of those 11 Jewish people who were savagely killed near Bondi Beach in Australia while celebrating the Feast of Hanuka on 14th December 2025, as Christians we stand in solidarity with Jews worldwide, against the evil forces of darkness which seek to wreak havoc and terror in the midst of God’s Creation, but remember this, ‘the darkness cannot overcome the light. The 2nd arrival of Jesus the Light of the World is the one for whom we prepare in this season before Christmas, Advent!

Rev’d 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	Ken K
Belinda K	Tania
Phil & Sue B	Re-Ordering Project
Norma M	WoW & Beyond WoW
Freda	Pause Café
Samantha W	

Remember, this list is for those who need our prayers, not just the sick or bereaved.



Christmas at St Bede

Sunday 21st December

10am Christingle Carol Service

Join us as we begin our Christmas celebrations with our Christingle Carol Service. We are delighted to be joined by pupils and staff from St Bede Academy who will be taking part in our service and our Church Rocks group will be presenting a short nativity.

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6.30pm Pop Up Nativity Crib Service

Join us on Christmas Eve and come dressed up as your favourite nativity character; whether it is an angel, a shepherd or a wise man, and take part in our pop-up nativity service as we take time to remember what Christmas is really all about. We'll also welcome a very special visitor at the end of the service!

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10am Christmas Day Celebration with Communion

Celebrate Christmas with us as we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we sing carols and share in communion together.

Sunday 28th December

10.30am Joint Service with St Andrews at St Andrews Church Over Hulton

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season join us for our joint service at St Andrews. Bacon Butties will be served from 10am before the service.

Please note there is NO service at St Bede this Sunday

Sunday 4th January 2026

10am Family Communion

Join us for our 1st service of 2026 as we come together as a church family for our all-age service as we conclude the Christmas season by reflecting on the visit of the Wise Men to see Jesus.





St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation 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



ST BEDE CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

We are delighted to share details of our Christmas Services here at St Bede.

Our theme this year is Joy and we'll be reflecting on how we can discover the true joy of Christmas as we celebrate Christmas.

We have lots of invitation leaflets at the back of church. Please do take a few and use them to invite your family and friends.

During our Christmas services; look out for your free copy of '[12 Joys of Christmas](#)'; a booklet with 12 reflections to take you through the Christmas season and help you reflect on what the coming of Jesus means for you today.

We hope you are able to worship with us this Christmas at St Bede.

ALPHA COURSE 2026

If you want to know more about the joy of knowing Jesus; why not sign up to do our new Alpha Course.

Our new Alpha Course is being run at St Andrews Church starting on [Wednesday 7th January](#) at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Vinny

explore
life
faith
meaning

Want to know more about the Christian faith?
Join our new **Alpha Course!**

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal way.

Each session lasts just over 1 hour and includes a short film, and time to chat and discuss the film over coffee and homemade cakes.

We have a new Alpha Course starting on **Wednesday 7th January** at 7.30pm at **St Andrews Over Hulton**. For more information or to book your place contact Vinny (01204 658921) or e-mail: vinny@st-bede.org.uk

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
BOLTON WEST
St Bede



No matter how you're ending the year, God is still able to flip the story.

He turns tables, seasons, and even hearts.

What looks final to you is just the beginning to Him.

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Discover the Joy of Christmas at St Bede Church

**Sunday 21st December
10am Christingle Carol Service**

Join us for our all-age service
as we sing carols and make Christingles
Staff and Pupils from St Bede Academy
will also be taking part in our service.

**Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
6.30pm Pop Up Nativity Crib Service**

This is your chance to star in a Nativity!
Please come dressed up as your
favourite Nativity Character.

**Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day
10am Christmas Day Celebration with Communion**
Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus





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2025 Christmas Messages

Wishing you St Bee family
blessed and peaceful
Christmas and a happy
new year

Anne, Martin, Barbara,
Emma & Jake

Thank you to all
my friends at St
Bede for all your
love prayers &
support this year. I
wish you a merry
Christmas and
health and
happiness in the
New Year

Jude

Sending my love and Christmas
blessings to all my friends at St
Bede

Kathleen

We wish you all a very merry
Christmas and a peaceful and happy
new year.

Rachael, James & Eleanor Storey

A happy and Christmas and a
peaceful New Year. Blessings to
you all

Rev. Malcolm & Pat

Wishing all my friends at St Bede a
very happy and blessed Christmas
and New Year

Freda Turner

To all our friends at St Bede Church
and school. Special thanks to the
Ministry Team, Churchwardens and all
the behind-the-scenes helpers. Have a
happy and peaceful New Year

David & Elaine Almond

Wishing all our St Bede
family a very merry
Christmas and a
peaceful New Year

Dean, Kirsty & Max

Merry Christmas to all at St Bede.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the
light of the world, may your hearts be
filled with His peace and your lives
overflow with His joy. Let us share His
love and hope with all around us.

Blessings to you and your loved ones
this Christmas and always. With Love

Tony, Gill, Elliot & Sophie

Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year. Sending lots of love and best
wishes.

Angela, Jill, Simon, Millie & Oliver

To our Wonderful Church
Family at St Bede

May I take this opportunity
to wish you all a wonderful
Christ-filled Christmas and
may God bless you and fill
you with his joy.

Vinny

Wishing my St Bede family a
very happy and blessed
Christmas. Every good wish for
the new year too

Carol H and Family

May all my Church family have a very
blessed and peaceful Christmas and
may the light of His love shine upon
you throughout the New Year. Happy
Christmas

Sharon Howard

Sending you all the very best of
wishes for a lovely Christmas and for
a happy and peaceful New Year

Jean & Sam Phillips

Every blessing for the
family of St Bede.

Happy Christmas

Gill





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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