

25th January 2026



Editorial

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Reading Mathew 7 v 24-30

Today our reading from Matthew 7 v 24-30, the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders. A parable being a story given by Jesus to explain in easy terms His teaching.

This reading is recorded at the end of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount the last parable he taught that day, and tells us that not only should we listen to Jesus but we must live our life for him obeying his words like love, forgiveness and integrity and carrying out His word in practice in our daily life. If you do not build your life on Jesus as your solid rock by living his word, you will fail as the house that had been built on sand. If you listen to Jesus' word but do not carry out the actions Jesus taught us this again would be having built your house on sand. In the reading both houses were hit by wind, rain and storms these are represented by daily trials that are put in our way in daily life and tests we endure in daily life.

The people who were there at the time were amazed and could see that Jesus was teaching with authority which they had not experienced before with other teachers. We are reminded that Jesus is our solid rock on which we can rely at all times and on his Word which we must put into practice in our daily lives.

Gill Blackburn - Authorised Lay Minister & Churchwarden



Please Pray for...

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| Minti R | Emma H |
| David V and family | 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 | Pauline G & family |
| Anne H | David P |
| Ross | Tania |
| Belinda K | Irene S |
| Phil & Sue B | Claire H |
| Norma M | Donna |
| Freda | Re-Ordering Project |
| Samantha W | WoW & Beyond WoW |
| | Pause Café |

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 25th January

10am Baptism Service

Today we welcome the family and friends of Tilly Jones who is being baptised this morning. Please join us for our all-age service as we reflect on how we can build our lives on Jesus the solid rock.

Wednesday 28th January

6.15pm WOW

Our Worship on Wednesday Service continues this week as we reflect on the 10 Lepers and how they were healed by Jesus. Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meets this week.

Saturday 31st January

12pm Winter Warmer Lunch

Join us for our first social and fundraising event of the year as we meet in the Community Room for a delicious warm lunch. Make sure you get your tickets this weekend.

Sunday 1st February

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series reflecting on Jesus our Foundation. This week we are exploring how we need to weigh up the cost of following Jesus.





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proclaimed good news to the
poor, release to the captives, and
freedom to the oppressed: anoint
us with your Holy Spirit and set
all your people free to praise you
in 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



NORMA VAUSE

It is with sadness that I announce that
after a very short illness, Norma Vause
died on January 19th. Norma had been a
member of St Bede's congregation for
many years. Norma's Christian faith
meant so much to her and kept her in
'the peace of God which passes all
understanding' until God called her
home. Norma held family very close in
love and care, she was a much loved
Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great
Grandmother and friend to many.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for her Husband David,
Lynn, Philip and Andrew and the rest of
the family in this their time of grief and
loss.

Funeral arrangements will be announced
when settled.

Rev Malcolm

28 DAYS OF PRAYERS OF PRAISE TO GOD

Praise is deeply connected to what we
learn to be true about God, and it's good
to remind ourselves of the reasons why
we praise God (and then, praise Him!).

Focus your 28 days of February on
offering prayers of praise to God.
Consider beginning or ending your day
with the habit of praising God and
praying these verses out loud.

Invite a friend or your family to join you.
Notice how praising God changes you
and your perspective—it may even
reduce stress. Then, continue to foster a
life of worship. Create a praise journal—
adding specific praise verses and prayers
that are personal to your own life.

Please feel free to approach any of the
Ministry Team to help you on your
prayer journey.

Tony

WALK THE ST BEDE WAY FOR ST BEDE

On **Saturday 16th May** you are invited to
join us to do a sponsored walk as we raise
funds for our Community Room
Reordering Project.

Join us as we follow the footsteps of St
Bede. We will be setting off at 9.30am and
the walk will take around 5 hours to
complete at a gentle pace.

You can either join us and book in a
Premier Inn on Friday night or get up early
and join us on the day. Either way we can
arrange to share lifts for those who want
to join us.

If you think 12 miles is too much; you can
still join us for the day and there is the
option of simply meeting us at Jarrow Hall
where there is a museum about St Bede
and plenty of other things to do.

To register for your place; please sign up
at the back of church to help us plan and
prepare.

If you have any questions then do come
and speak to Vinny.

WALK THE ST BEDE WAY FOR ST BEDE CHURCH SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026



To help us raise funds for our Community Room Reordering
Project; we would like to invite you to join us for a Sponsored
Walk along the St Bede Way in County Durham on
Saturday 16th May.

Join us as we trace the steps of St Bede from St Peter's Church in
Monkwearmouth to St Paul's Monastery in Jarrow - a fairly easy
12 mile walk with some beautiful countryside and seascape.

Can you help us? Please sign up at the back of church and join us
as we raise money for our reordering project.

FAREWELL TO REV'D SWEETLINE

This Sunday we will be saying farewell to our curate, Rev'd Sweetline Burnell, as she moves on from her curacy here at St Bede and St Andrew.

Sweetline will be around at our 10am service on Sunday where we will have an opportunity to thank Sweetline for all that she has done here at St Bede in her time with us.

Please do keep Sweetline in your prayers as she moves forward in her ministry.

Vinny



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Lent Course 2026



We are delighted to be running the Bible Course as our joint Lent Course for 2026. Join us every Tuesday during Lent as we reflect on the big picture of God's Word through short films and discussion

Our Lent Course begins on Tuesday 24th February,, 7.30pm at
St Andrews Church



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DAY 1

God, I praise you for being my strength, defence, and salvation.

"The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him"
Exodus 15:2 (NIV).

DAY 2

God, I praise your greatness.

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!"

Deuteronomy 32:3 (NIV).

DAY 3

God, I praise you for being my Rock and Saviour.

"The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Saviour!"

2 Samuel 22:47 (NIV).

DAY 4

God, I praise you for all your wonderful acts.

"Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts"

1 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV).

DAY 5

God, I praise you for your goodness.

"I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me"

Psalms 13:6 (NIV).

DAY 6

God, I praise you for your counsel and instruction.

"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me"

Psalms 16:7 (NIV).

DAY 7

God, I praise you for all the world to see.

"Therefore, I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name"

Psalms 18:49 (NIV).





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

Winter Warmer Lunch

Saturday 31st January 2026
at 12 Noon



Come along for a delicious lunch for only £6.50

When the temperature drops, there is
nothing better than a hearty lunch to
lift your spirits!

Booking is essential by emailing
fundraising@st-bede.org.uk or in person



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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