



Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors  
Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community



# NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Editorial

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January

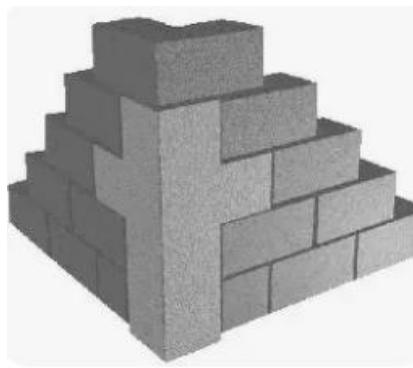
## **12pm Winter Warmer Lunch**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





## St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



### COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son 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](mailto:brooks_simon@hotmail.co.uk)

visit our website [www.st-bede.org.uk](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 seascapes.

**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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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.

## 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"

Psalm 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"

Psalm 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"

Psalm 18:49 (NIV).





Join us for our  
new all-age  
worship experience  
at St Bede Church

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](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk) or in person



**St Bede**

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*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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