

15th February 2026



Editorial

Sunday next before Lent

Reading: Matthew 17 v 1-9

Transformed from one degree of glory to another.

What we read of in this scripture is Jesus being changed, or transformed, from one degree of glory to another in a greater way than ever we can imagine. He was changed before Peter, James and John, whom he had taken up the mountain with Him, they had been with Him for six days earlier, listening to His teaching, watching and experiencing the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, listening to Jesus explaining to the disciples about the things of His impending death and resurrection. They now witnessed Jesus' "change" before their very eyes, 'He was transformed/transfigured'. The RSV states that 'He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And before them there appeared Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.'

We are told in Exodus, of Moses ascent up Mount Sinai on the instruction of The Lord God, he was giving to Moses the tablets of stone, on which the 10 Commandments were inscribed. When Moses came down from Mt Sinai as described in Ex 34.30 'His face was radiant', it shone, 'because he had spoken with the Lord' Here was another situation where there had been a transformation/transfiguration from being in God's presence up a mountaintop. This indicates the changing power of God on individuals, the transformations that take place.

Rev Malcolm



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	Donna
Norma M	Re-Ordering Project
Freda	WoW & Beyond WoW
Samantha W	Pause Café
Anna B	

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 15th February

10am Holy Communion

As we approach Lent; worship with us this week as we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus. Our children's group 'Church Rocks' meets again this week.

Monday 16th February

10am Funeral of Norma Vause

Norma's funeral is taking place today at St Bede's Church followed by a committal service at Overdale. Please keep Norma's family and friends in your prayers at this time.

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)

**** Note there is no WOW this week due to half term. WOW returns next week *****

7.30pm Joint Ash Wednesday Communion Service

Worship with us as we begin Lent with our informal communion service where we will also be joined by our friends from St Andrews.

Sunday 22nd February

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service this week as we continue our journey through Lent. This week we'll be exploring how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness.





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Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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



NORMA VAUSE

Recently we announced the sad news that Norma Vause, a much loved member of our congregation, has recently died.

Norma's funeral will take place on **Monday 16th February, 10am** here at St Bede followed by a Committal service at Overdale.

Please do continue to keep David, Lynn, Philip and Andrew and the family in your prayers at this time.

28 DAYS OF PRAYERS OF PRAISE TO GOD

Please continue to use the 28 Days of Prayer and Praise to focus on your prayer journey this February. Day 1 starts today!

Please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Ministry Team should you need some support.

Tony

DONATIONS REQUIRED

We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Bingo in March 2026.

OUR JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Our joint service is on **Wednesday 18th February, 7.30pm** here at St Bede (in the Community Room). We will be joined by our friends from St Andrews Over Hulton for this informal communion service as we begin Lent together.

THE BIBLE COURSE LENT COURSE

Our Lent Course this year is the Bible Course produced by the Bible Society. This 6 week course starts on **Tuesday 24th February, 7.30pm** at St Andrews. If you are able to join us please sign up on the sign up sheet at the back of church.

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.

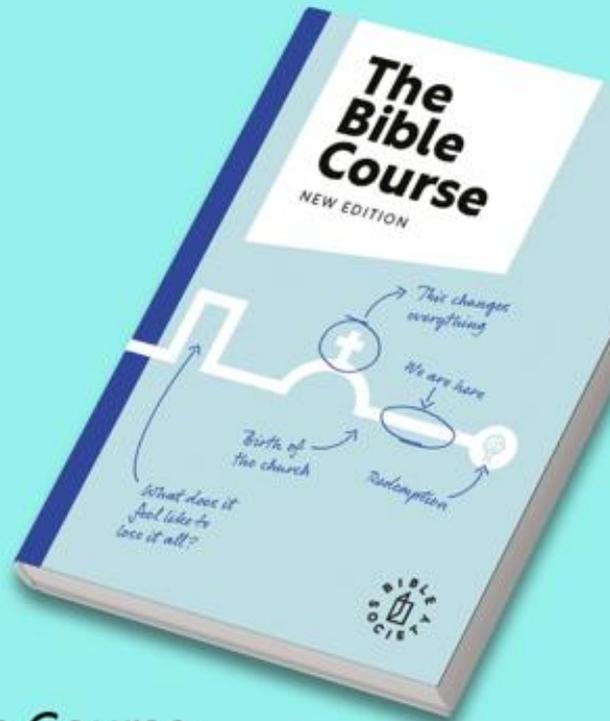
The Bible Course

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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 Andrew's Church



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 next 7 days 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.

DAY 15

God, I praise you for you are my Creator and have cared for me since conception.

"From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you" Psalm 71:6 (NIV).

DAY 16

God, I praise you for your unconditional love and holy justice.

"I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise" Psalm 101:1 (NIV).

DAY 17

God, I praise you for being a God who is worthy to be worshiped.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise" Psalm 111:10 (NIV).

DAY 18

God, I praise you for teaching me your righteous ways.

"I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws" Psalm 119:7 (NIV).

DAY 19

God, I praise you for training me to fight spiritual battles.

"Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle" Psalm 144:1 (NIV).

DAY 20

God, I praise you for being the Creator God.

"Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created..." Psalm 148:5 (NIV).

DAY 21

God, I praise you for being a God who rescues the needy.

"Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked" Jeremiah 20:13 (NIV).



The title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, colorful, block letters. 'QUIZ' is on the top row and 'NIGHT' is on the bottom row. Each letter is a different color: Q (green), U (purple), I (orange), Z (pink), N (purple), I (green), G (orange), H (pink), T (green). The letters are slightly overlapping and have a 3D effect.

QUIZ NIGHT

St Bede Parish invite you to our Quiz Night
**Friday 27th February 2026 at
7.30pm**

Ellesmere Club

Teams of no more than 6

Supper included in ticket price

£6.00 Adults £3.00 Children

Email fundraising@st-bede.org.uk for more info
and for tickets





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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