

1st March 2026



Editorial

2nd Sunday of Lent

Reading: John 3 v 1-17

The theme of the teaching today is about Jesus' meeting with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was himself a teacher and on the ruling Jewish Council and he wanted to question Jesus about his word and teaching. It was that Nicodemus became the student of Jesus despite his position as a teacher himself. Jesus had been teaching about being reborn, but Nicodemus was very unsure about this. He said a person cannot re-enter their mother's womb. Jesus told Nicodemus that a person must be born of water and the Spirit and this is what he means about being reborn. Jesus tells Nicodemus He did not come "to condemn the World" but that "the world might be saved through Him". We are now in the season of Lent and of course it is important that we read and learn more about the Word of Jesus and about the time that Jesus was on the earth.

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	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 1st March

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our Lent Series reflecting on people who Jesus encountered as he journeyed to the cross. This week we reflect on Jesus' meeting with Nicodemus.

Tuesday 3rd March

7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe; a safe place to come and chat and seek mutual support particularly if you are struggling with mental health or need a place to talk meets this week. All welcome

7.30pm The Bible Course Lent Course (at St Andrews)

Our Joint Lent Course continues this evening as we begin our journey through the Bible by looking at Genesis. Do come along and join us.

Wednesday 4th March

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club meets again this week Join us for a delicious 2 course meal, and a great place to catch up with friends old and new. To book your place contact Elaine Almond

6.15pm WOW

As WOW celebrates its 3rd birthday this week, we continue our 'Encounters' series by exploring Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees. Our youth group Beyond WOW also meets this week.

Thursday 5th March

7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting this week A quiet space where we gather for 30 minutes and pray for ourselves, our church and our community. All welcome!

Sunday 8th March

10am Morning Service

Join us as we continue our journey through Lent as we reflect on people whom Jesus encountered on the way to the cross. This week we explore Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.



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St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; 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



DONATIONS REQUIRED

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

COOK BOOK

The Fund Raising and Social Group have expressed a wish to produce a "Cook Book" this year to raise funds for St. Bede's and I am wondering whether members of the congregation would have recipes that they could provide for such a venture. The consensus was that there will be many old and new recipes to include from you.

If you could let me know whether you have such recipes as soon as you can please Gill Blackburn

LENT FILM BOXES FILL CAMPAIGN

As we do each Lent, there are empty film boxes at the back of Church to fill with £1 coins and 20p coins to help raise moenty for church funds. Please take a box, fill it up, bring it back and take another! Any questions, please speak to Elaine or Freda!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS @ ST BEDE

Your Fundraising and Social Committee have been planning the events for 2026.

Easter Egg Bingo – Friday 27th March at St Bede Academy School Hall. Bring your own drinks but soft drinks will be available on the night.

Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Day at Church. Find the hidden eggs for a chance to win a chocolate egg

Race Night – Friday 5th June at St Bede Academy School Hall. Donations required for the prizes please!

American Independence Day Themed Afternoon Tea – Saturday 4th July in the Community Room

Pudding Night – following the success of our 1st pudding night last year, we are trying it again on Friday 18th September

Annual Harvest Supper Quiz – Friday 9th October at the Ellesmere Club.

Tropic Night – Thursday 22nd October in the Community Room

Annual Christmans Fayre – Saturday 21st November at St Bede Academy School Hall

Please do come along and support our 2026 events!



Harwood Artisan Markets

We are pleased to announce the Spring Artisan Markets dates:

Saturday 7th March
Saturday 9th May
Saturday 6th June

The markets will run 10am-2pm, within Harwood Methodist Church, Longsight Lane, Harwood, BL2 3HX

Refreshments will be available during the markets, within the cafe area.

FREE admission

For stall details, please email Harwoodartisanmarkets@gmail.com
Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at one of the markets!



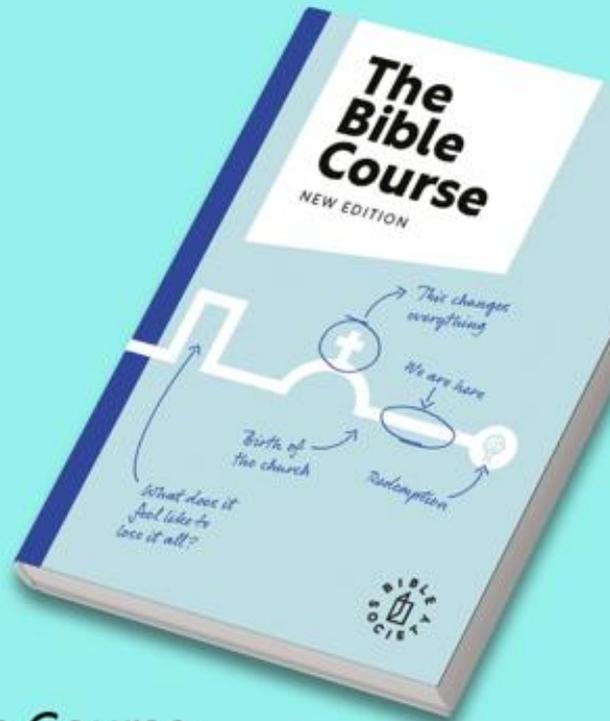
The Bible Course

NEW EDITION

Want to feel more *connected* to God's word?

Join *The Bible Course* New Edition

biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse



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

Pause...

A NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Need to talk about something, feeling
alone or down? Come along and chat
with others looking for some support.



ST BEDE'S CHURCH
COMMUNITY ROOM
MORRIS GREEN

1ST TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
7PM - 8.30PM

WOW
Worship On Wednesday

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'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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