

8th February 2026



Editorial

2nd Sunday before Lent

Reading: Colossians 1 v 1-15

In the opening of Colossians, Paul starts by reminding the church who he is and why he's writing—not to show off, but to reassure them that he genuinely cares. He and Timothy pray for this community regularly, and you can feel Paul's warmth as he thanks God for their strong faith, their love for each other, and the hope that keeps them going. He's basically saying, *"You're doing well—don't forget what God has already started in you."*

Paul then shares his prayer for them: he wants them to grow wiser, to live in a way that reflects Jesus, and to be strengthened when life isn't easy. It's the kind of prayer you'd say for a friend who's trying to walk faithfully in a messy world.

The passage ends by shifting the spotlight onto Jesus. Paul reminds them that Jesus is the real deal—the visible picture of an invisible God. Through Him, they've been rescued from darkness and brought into something brand new: God's kingdom of light, freedom, and forgiveness. It's like Paul is saying, *"Don't forget who you belong to—and don't forget who saved you."*

**Tony Whitehead - Licensed Lay Minister
(Reader)**



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 8th February

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we conclude our series exploring Jesus as the one foundation we can build our lives upon as we look at the centrality of Jesus in our faith.

Our children's group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Wednesday 11th February

10am St Bede Academy Year 6 Visit

Our Year 6 classes are visiting church this morning for their Victorian Day

6.15pm WOW

Our Worship on Wednesday Service continues this week as we explore Mary's encounter with Jesus and her display of love for Jesus. Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meets this week.

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.





St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness 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 (Yes!! There are now in the shops!) 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.

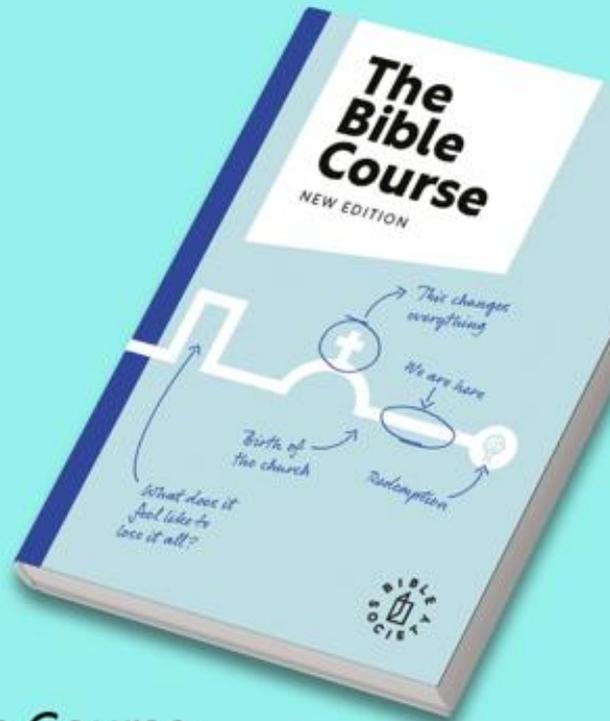
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Lent Course 2026



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 8

God, I praise you for your might.

“Be exalted in your strength, LORD; we will sing and praise your might” Psalm 21:13 (NIV).

DAY 9

God, I praise you for being my shield, help, and joy.

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.” Psalm 28:7 (NIV).

DAY 10

God, I praise you for giving me the words to praise you.

“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him” Psalm 40:3 (NIV).

DAY 11

God, I praise you for being King of all the earth.

“For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise” Psalm 47:7 (NIV).

DAY 12

God, I praise you for receiving my prayer and generously giving your love.

“Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!” Psalm 66:20 (NIV).

DAY 13

God, I praise you for bearing my burdens daily.

“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens” Psalm 68:19 (NIV).

DAY 14

God, I praise you alongside your creation.

“Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them...” Psalm 69:34 (NIV).



WOW

Worship On Wednesday



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**



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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