

22nd March 2026



Editorial

5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

Reading: John 11 v 17-45

'LAZARUS – COME FORTH'

In this passage of scripture, Jesus demonstrates His resurrection power, His words are not a request but a command or an order, to the powers of darkness which were holding Lazarus in death to release him unto the Resurrection power of Jesus the Son of God, back into the light of the power of Jesus!

The command of Jesus can clearly be heard by Lazarus, demonstrating to Martha and Mary, that Jesus is very much the Messiah for them to witness to, this for them is a glimpse of Easter and the glory which is to come breathing new faith into the Disciples and the Newborn Church to come.

This miracle is testimony not only to Martha and Mary, but to all who accompanied Jesus and those present at the time, that Jesus indeed had power over sin and death, His was the power only given by The Father, death no longer is to be feared, it is subject to the will of Father God and Jesus His Son.

Lazarus heard the call of Jesus and obeyed to the astonishment of all who were there, for Lazarus had been dead four days prior to Jesus' arrival, yet here he was alive and coming from the tomb, with nothing like the stench which would normally emanate from a four-day old corpse, there was no accompanying odour. Lazarus was living proof of the power of Jesus.

In two weeks' time we will be celebrating Easter and though on Good Friday, Jesus as foretold would die on the cross, though in glorious array would rise from the dead on the third day.

Hold fast to the truth that King Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life and rejoice in it!

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 22nd March

10am Baptism Service

Today we welcome the family and friends of Lenny Hodgson-Kimblin who is being baptised this morning at our all-age service as we reflect on Jesus' encounter with Lazarus.

Tuesday 24th March

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

Our Joint Lent Course continues this evening as we continue our journey through the Old Testament by looking at the Kings of the Old Testament: The Story of Power. Do come along and join us

Wednesday 11th March

6.15pm WOW

Join us for our special Easter Worship on Wednesday as we celebrate what Jesus has done for us. This is our final WOW before the Easter break.

Friday 27th March

6.45pm Easter Egg Bingo

Join us at St Bede Academy School Hall for our annual Easter Egg Bingo night. Make sure you get your tickets this weekend.

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

10am Morning Service

Worship with us as we begin Holy Week with our special Palm Sunday service as we proclaim Jesus as our King. Our children's ministry group, Church Rocks, meets again this week.





 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, 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



MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND INFORMAL COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday 2nd April 7pm

This year we are continuing our tradition of gathering for a joint Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service with our friends from St Andrews at 7pm.

The supper includes a 2 course meal consisting of meat + potato pie or vegetarian option and then a selection of desserts. Tickets are £5. To book your place please write your name on the sign up sheet at the back of church and Kathleen Carrodus is collecting money beforehand.

Please do join us for what is always a very special occasion.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

For those members of our congregation who are not already on the electoral roll (the membership list of our church) the roll will be revised from the 15th March.

If you have been attending St Bedes for over 6 months and would like to join the electoral roll then application forms are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be passed to Elaine Almond by **Sunday 29th March**.

You must be on the electoral roll in order to vote at our forthcoming APCM which is being held on **Sunday 26th April** as part of our morning service.

If you have any queries then please do speak to Elaine.

EASTER AT ST BEDE

We are delighted to announce our Easter services coming up at St Bede.

Please do join us at this special time as we pause to wonder and give thanks for what Jesus has done for us.

Do feel free to invite family and friends to join us for any of our Easter Services too.

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. **Get your tickets now!**

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

Celebrate Easter at St Bede Church



Monday 30th March

7pm Journey to the Cross: Holy Week Reflection

Take time out and join us for a time of contemplation and prayer as we prepare for Easter

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

7pm Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion

Join us for our shared Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion Service at St Andrews Church, Over Hulton. Please book your place by Palm Sunday

Good Friday - 3rd April

10am Reflective All-Age Good Friday Service

Join us as we remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. Hot Cross Buns will be served after the service.

Easter Sunday - 5th April

10am Easter Sunday Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate that Jesus is Risen by joining us for our all-age Easter Celebration Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds after the service

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is exactly what it says - guarding the safety of the members of our Church Community and as such it has its roots very firmly in our Christian duty to **love one another.**



There will be vulnerable people in most congregations, including ours, who need us to look out for them.

We all have a responsibility for Safeguarding, that is looking out for each other's wellbeing.

We tend to think of the abuse of children when we think of Safeguarding, but people can be vulnerable at any age and in a number of different ways (we'll explore these in another article).

Your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) works alongside and on behalf of the PCC to ensure that all who worship with us and visit us are as safe as they can be.

You should speak to your PSO if you see or hear anything that doesn't feel right - because if it doesn't feel right it probably isn't.

Your Parish Safeguarding Officer is:

Carol Hardman



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

An Evening of Theatre
Fundraising for Create Bolton

TALKING HEADS

A CHIP IN THE SUGAR

BY ALAN BENNETT

18th April 2026 at 7:30_{pm}

Cafe Create, Claremont House
Bark Street, Bolton BL1 2AX

Tickets £5.00



BOOK ONLINE:
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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 PARISH INVITE YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL

EASTER EGG BINGO



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

AT ST. BEDE ACADEMY SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM • EYES DOWN 7.15PM

**ADULTS £6 • CHILDREN £3 ENTRY AND 6 GAMES OF
BINGO (3 FOR CHILDREN)**

SOFT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH OR BY EMAILING
FUNDRAISING@ST-BEDE.ORG.UK**



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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