

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## Editorial

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Reading: Luke 24 v 13-35**

*'Jesus himself came up and walked alongside them, but they were kept from recognising him' (Luke 24: 15b-16)*

In this Easter season, we continue our journey exploring Jesus' resurrection appearances, and this week we focus on Jesus' appearance to Cleopas and his companion on the road home to Emmaus. Full of sadness after seeing Jesus crucified and confused by reports from the women that Jesus' tomb was empty, it was all too much for Cleopas and his companion. That is why on Easter Sunday afternoon they hurried out of the city and began their walk home. Yet the Risen Jesus came up and walked alongside them on their journey, even though they did not recognise him.

The good news for us today is that the Risen Jesus walks alongside us in our own lives too. Because Jesus is alive - he is with us. Through the joys, through the sorrows and even through the doubts and questions we may have, we are not alone because Jesus is with us. When we have the faith to share our pain and our doubts with Jesus, even if we don't recognise the stranger who walks with us, Jesus has the power to lead us and guide us through the scriptures to the truth and the way forward just as Jesus helped Cleopas and his companion.

May we this week remember that wherever we go; the Risen Jesus walks alongside us and is with us. May we learn to recognise the presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives today.

Rev Vinny



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> April

## 10am Morning Service

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, today we focus on Jesus' encounter with Cleopas and his companion on the Road to Emmaus. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## 6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW service returns this week after the Easter break. This term we are doing a new series exploring what it means to be a Christian and this week we are exploring the theme of worship. Our youth group Beyond WOW returns this week too.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

## 10am St Bede APCM

Worship with us at this special service as we celebrate all that God has done here at St Bede over the past year and as we elect church officers for the coming year



**ST BEDE**  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

## St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



### COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

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



### St Bede APCM (Annual Meeting)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Please join us for our APCM on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April as we celebrate what God is doing here at St Bede and appoint church officers to serve for the coming year.

Our Annual Report, where we reflect back over 2025, is now available to download and read on our website. There are also hard copies at the back of church. We have much to be thankful for as we continue our journey of 'Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community'.

Nominations are now open for our church officer roles for the coming year. This year we are electing wardens, PCC members, sidespeople and Deanery Synod reps. If you are interesting in standing for any of these roles and you would like a conversation about these roles then please speak to Vinny, a member of the Ministry Team or the Wardens.

### THE BIBLE COURSE

Even though the season of Lent has finished; our Lent Course 'The Bible Course' has not finished!

Don't forget to join us as we conclude the Bible Course with the final 2 sessions on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm - 9pm at St Andrews Church.

14<sup>th</sup> April - Acts: The Story of Mission

28<sup>th</sup> April - Revelation: The Story Completed.



### BW PIZZA + GAMES NIGHT

Our new youth group, Beyond WOW (BW) are holding an open pizza and games night to anyone aged 11-16 who wants to come and join us.

If you are a teenager - why not come and give it a try? For more information contact Ciara Stott or Vinny.

### BOLTON DEANERY CELEBRATION GATHERING Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7.15pm - 8.45pm

at St Peters Church Halliwell. You are invited to come to a special celebration where we join together with churches from across our deanery to celebrate our life together, but also to hear our future plans as a Deanery and as a Diocese as we seek to grow and build God's Kingdom.

Led by Bishop Matthew, Archdeacon Rachel, and members of the staff team from Church House, we'll be reflecting on how God has been at work in our deanery, the next phase of national funding support from the church commissioners, and how we hope it will help our Diocese to strengthen our mission and ministry in delivering our vision of a worshipping, transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.

All are welcome, lay or Ordained. For more information or to sign up please use the link below

[Bolton Deanery Gathering - Diocese of Manchester](#)

# FAMILY PRIZE RACE NIGHT

5TH JUNE AT 7:00PM

Lots of competitive fun!  
All the family welcome

at St Bede CoFE Primary Academy School hall



Doors open: 7:00pm  
First race starts: 7:30pm  
£5 per ticket – no concessions



Tickets available from:

- Church
- DM Facebook
- Email: [fundraising@st-bede.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@st-bede.org.uk)

# 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**





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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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