

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## Editorial

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Reading: Acts 2 v 42-47**

Acts 2:42–47 offers a vision of church that is both simple and deeply challenging. The early Christians devoted themselves to prayer, learning, fellowship and shared meals. Their faith shaped ordinary life—how they spent time together, how they noticed one another’s needs, and how generously they responded. Church was not something they attended occasionally, but a community they belonged to fully.

As St Bede, this passage invites us to reflect on what kind of church we are becoming. It encourages us to value the small, faithful moments: gathering in worship, sharing conversation over tea & coffee, supporting one another in times of joy and struggle, and opening our doors to those who are searching or unsure. Like the first believers, our calling is not perfection but devotion—showing God’s love in practical, visible ways.

Acts tells us that joy and generosity made the early church attractive to others. When we pray together, serve together, and care deeply for our neighbours in Morris Green, we too become a living sign of God’s presence. May we continue to grow as a community grounded in prayer, rich in kindness, and open to all—trusting that God is at work among us, day by day.

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 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.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

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

Join us this week for the final session of our Bible Course as we look at Revelation: The Story Completed.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

## 1.30pm St Bede Academy Visit to Church

Pupils from St Bede Academy will be visiting church this afternoon

## 6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us for our WOW service as we continue our series 'Christian Commitments'. This week we will be exploring 'Prayer' and how we should pray as Christians.

Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meet this week with our Pizza Party. If you are Year 7 or above - why not come along and try it out.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

## 10am Family Communion

Worship with us in this Easter season as we reflect on Jesus who said 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. As this is an all-age service there is no Church Rocks this week.



**ST BEDE**  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
MEETING



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

## St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



### COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, 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 [here](#) or 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'.



### 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.

### SPRING HARVEST 2027

Having had a year off this year, a small group of us are planning to go to Spring Harvest again next year.

Spring Harvest is a Christian festival with amazing teaching and worship. It is an incredible experience to join with thousands of Christians in worship.

If you are interested in coming along next year please do come and chat to Vinny



### SPRING HARVEST

Butlins Skegness  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Fancy a holiday with a difference?  
An opportunity to worship with thousands of Christians from across the UK?  
Time to relax with the family by going to the beach, or all the free attractions of the Butlins resort including swimming pool and fun fair and an amazing children's and youth ministry

The cost is around £309 per person depending on which accommodation type you require. For more information or to book your place please speak to Vinny by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

# 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)

## SUPPORT THE “WALK THE ST BEDE WAY” FOR ST BEDE

More than 10 members of St Bede Church have now committed to 'Walk the St Bede Way for St Bede' to raise money for our Community Room Reordering Project. Our aim is to raise at least £3,000 towards the project.

On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** we'll be following the footsteps of St Bede as we walk 12 miles from St Peter's Monastery Monkwearmouth to St Paul's Monastery Jarrow.

If you would like to support us, you can now sponsor us and donate to our sponsored event. You can do so by donating via our Just Giving page using the following link

[Walk the St Bede Way for St Bede - JustGiving](#)

or search for St Bede Church.

Alternatively you can sponsor us by writing your name, address and amount you would like to give on the sponsor form at the back of church. Also it's not too late to join us. If you would like to do the walk then please speak to Vinny.



# 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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