

10th May 2026



Editorial

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading: John 14 v 15-22

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

Our bible reading today may be familiar to many of us. It is written the night before Jesus would be crucified and it contains many of his last words to the disciples. When Jesus was in the upper room, he left us with many precious promises. In this chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus promises that his disciples will not be abandoned. He promises to give us another 'helper', the Holy Spirit, to help and guide us after Jesus ascends into heaven. We are in the presence of the Spirit of the Living God.

When the disciples were told that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, they took it seriously. When they heard the command to be "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) that is exactly what they did. They set out to take over the world for Jesus Christ, knowing that they were in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who empowered them for their mission. They obeyed the Lord's command and as a result, they received the power to carry out their mission of evangelism. They saw that they had not been abandoned but that their lives were strengthened by the Spirit of God. "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth." (John 14:15-17)

Carol Hardman - Authorised Lay Minister



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	Peter C
Freda	Re-Ordering Project
Samantha W	WoW & Beyond WoW
Anna B	Pause Café

Remember, this list is for those who need our prayers, not just the sick or bereaved.



This week at St Bede

Sunday 10th May

10am Holy Communion

Worship with us in this Easter season as we reflect on Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit helps us in our lives. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' is meeting this week.

Wednesday 13th May

9.45am and 1.30pm St Bede Academy Visit to Church

Meeting in church

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 'the Church'. Our youth group Beyond WOW also meet this week.

Saturday 16th May

9.30am Walk the St Bede Way for St Bede

Please pray for the group from St Bede walking the St Bede Way for St Bede today as we raise funds for our Reordering Project.

Sunday 17th May

10am Morning Service

Worship with us in this season of Thy Kingdom Come as we focus on the theme of prayer and Jesus' prayer for us his followers. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





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St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, 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

visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR code below



THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNALS

Alongside the Thy Kingdom Come Events and Services across our Mission Community, we also have free Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journals available at the back of church on Sunday.

The Prayer Journal has a reflection and prayer for each day between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

Please do take a Prayer Journal and use it at home.



Thy Kingdom Come
God with us
14th-24th May 2026

Bolton West Mission Community
Thy Kingdom Come Events 2026

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This year we are using Thy Kingdom Come as an opportunity to come together as a wider Mission Community to gather collectively to pray. Please do join us at any of our following services / events:

Thursday 14th May (Ascension Day)
10am Ascension Day Service at St Andrews Over Hulton
10.30am Ascension Day Service at St John Wingates
7.30pm Ascension Day Service at Rivington Church
7.30pm Ascension Day Service at St John's Lostock

Sunday 17th May
6.30pm Mission Community Evening of Prayer and Worship at St Andrews Over Hulton. An opportunity to gather together for an hour of prayer and worship using prayer stations.

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost)
6pm Pentecost Taize Service at St Katherine's Blackrod.

SATS WEEK

As you will no doubt be aware, during May, SATs take place. For many children, these Statutory Assessment Tests may be the first time they have sat an exam in this way, which can bring up a variety of feelings and emotions. Particularly across KS2 where greater emphasis is placed on preparing for SATs throughout the school year, some pupils can tend towards anxiety and worry. Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers.

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 5th - Friday 9th 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 10th May.

A Prayer for Our Year 6 Pupils

Loving God,
we pray for our Year 6 pupils
as they take their SATs next week.

Give them calm hearts and clear minds.
Help them to do their best
and to know that they are valued and loved,
whatever the results.

Be close to them when they feel nervous or tired,
and bless their teachers and families
as they support them.

We place this week into your hands,
trusting in your care and guidance.

Amen



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

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 16th 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





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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