

24th May 2026



Editorial

Pentecost

Reading: Acts 2 v 1-21

Pentecost Sunday is a joyful celebration of God's living presence, poured out upon His people through the Holy Spirit. It recalls that powerful moment when the disciples, once fearful and uncertain, were filled with courage and boldness to proclaim the good news. As Scripture reminds us, *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"* (Acts 2:4).

This is more than history—it is the birth of a Spirit-filled Church, alive with purpose and hope. Pentecost shows us that God equips ordinary people to do extraordinary things, bringing life, unity, and transformation wherever His Spirit moves.

In today's world, this message feels especially relevant. We live in a time marked by busyness, division, and uncertainty. Yet the Spirit still works quietly and powerfully—in acts of kindness, in words that bring peace, and in communities that choose love over fear. Pentecost invites us to pause and ask: where is God calling me to be a light today?

As we celebrate, may we open our hearts afresh. The same Spirit is with us—guiding, renewing, and sending us out to live with courage, compassion, and faith.

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

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost Sunday)

10am All Age Service

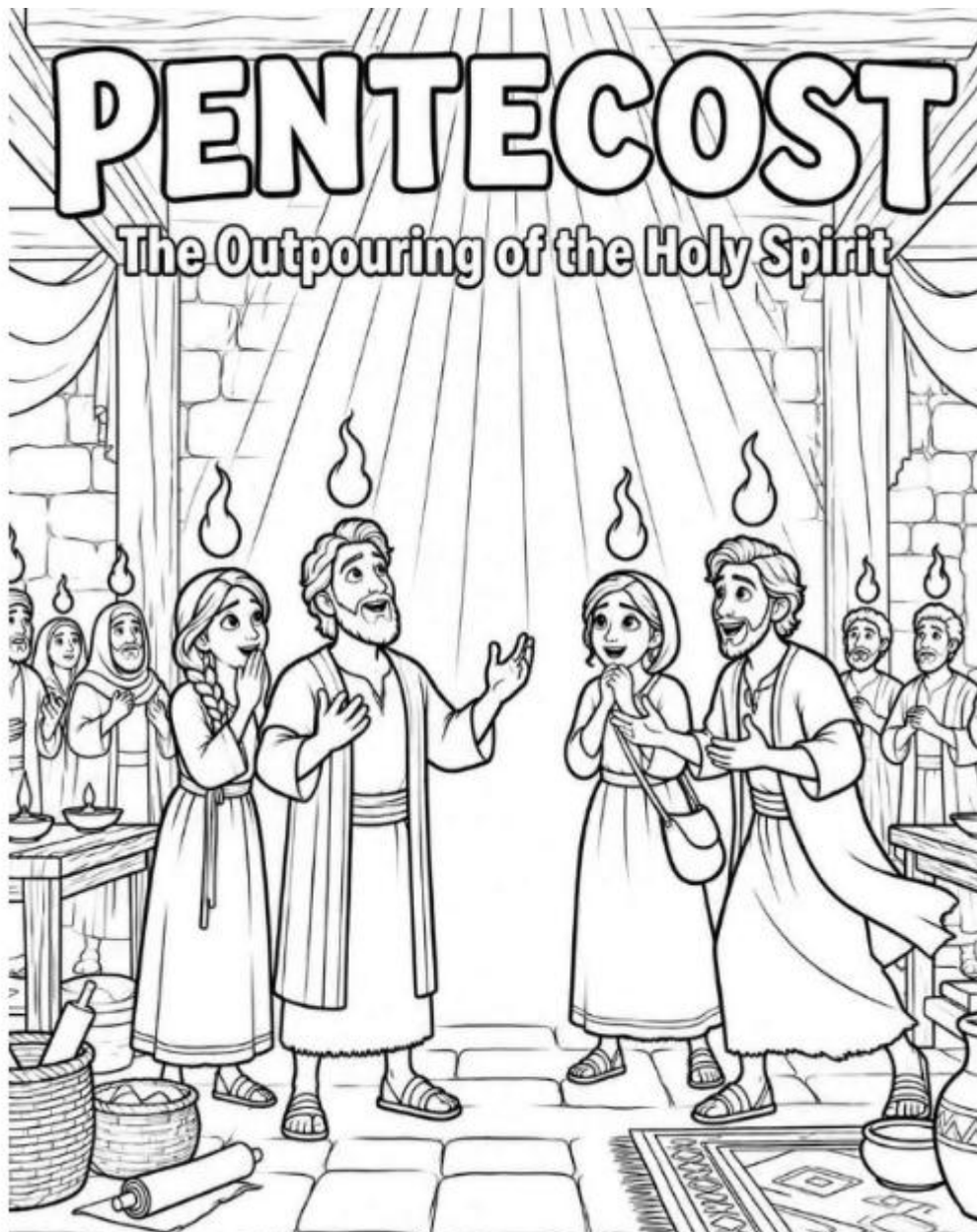
Join us for our all age service as today we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost: when the Holy Spirit came and the early church was born. As this is an all-age service there is no 'Church Rocks' this week.

***** Due to this week being half term there is no WOW this week *****

Sunday 31st May

10am Family Communion

Worship with us in our all-age service as we begin an exciting new sermon series 'How God Sees Us?'. We begin our series by reflecting how God made us in his image.





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COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love, and
renew the face of the earth,
through 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



FAMILY PRIZE RACE NIGHT

The Fundraising and Social Team has taken the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming Family Prize Race Night scheduled for Sunday 5th June, due to low ticket sales. All purchased tickets will, of course, be fully refunded.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the event so far—your encouragement and generosity are greatly appreciated. Any gifts collected will be used for another event soon.

'WALK THE ST BEDE WAY FOR ST BEDE' UPDATE

A huge thank you to the 12 members of St Bede Church who last weekend travelled up to the North East to walk the St Bede Way - a 12 mile walk from St Peter's Monastery Monkwearmouth to St Paul's Monastery Jarrow.

The sun was shining on us as we followed the footsteps of St Bede. So far we have raised £2,000 towards the cost of our reordering project. We'll share the final figure we raised in church this Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.

WOW

Please note that our midweek Worship on Wednesday Service is taking a break during the half term holidays. WOW will return again on **Wednesday 10th June.**

ARCHDEACONS' VISITATIONS

Each year, following the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), church officers take part in the Archdeacons' Visitations - an important moment in the life of our diocese.

These services mark the formal admission of newly elected churchwardens, who are only officially in post once they have been admitted by their Archdeacon. Sidespersons and PCC members also make declarations of commitment to support the mission and ministry of their parish. Visitations are both a legal and spiritual milestone, grounding the year ahead in prayer, encouragement, and shared commitment.

While historically they included reports on parish life and clergy conduct, today they focus on recognising and celebrating the vital ministry of churchwardens. They are also a valuable opportunity to gather with others from across the diocese, meet fellow churchwardens, Area Deans, and their Archdeacon, and be reminded that each parish is part of a wider community.

This year's Visitations will be especially meaningful, as they will be the final set led by Archdeacon Rachel before her retirement. These services are an opportunity to give thanks together for Archdeacon Rachel's support of parishes across the archdeaconries of Salford and Bolton.

The 2026 services take place on the following dates:

Archdeaconry of Bolton

7:30pm, Monday 1st June, St Mary Rawtenstall

7:30pm, Wednesday 10th June, St Peter w St Philip Bolton

7:30pm, Wednesday 8th July, Christ Church Walshaw

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



CANCELLED

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

On **Saturday 16th May** we followed the footsteps of St Bede and walked 12 miles from St Peter's Monastery Monkwearmouth to St Paul's Monastery Jarrow.



You can still contribute 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.



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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