

31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



## Editorial

**Trinity Sunday**

**Genesis 1 v 24-31**

*'So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them: male and female he created them'*  
(Genesis 1:27)

How do you see yourself? Are you happy with who you are? What you look like? What you do? What you have achieved in life?

If we are honest most of us are never 100% happy with who we are. There are times when we struggle with low self-esteem. We compare ourselves to other people around us and we focus on what is missing in our lives rather than what we actually have in our lives.

The increased use of social media over recent years where we often look at others and what they have compared to ourselves has significantly impacted our self-esteem and our own mental wellbeing.

But what would happen if we changed the question? What about asking the question 'How does God see us?'. What if, instead of allowing other people to shape how we see ourselves, we allow God to shape how we see ourselves and understand who we truly are?

This week at St Bede we are beginning a new sermon series where we explore that very question 'How does God see us?'. We begin this morning by reflecting how we are made in God's image. If you want to discover who you truly are, then why not come to St Bede over the next few weeks. We'd love to see you!

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	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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## 7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe returns this week. PAUSE Cafe is a safe place where people can come and chat and find support from meeting with other people. Why not come and join us? Open to all

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## 12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club meets again this week. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and an opportunity to meet friends old and new alike. To book your place contact Elaine Almond.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

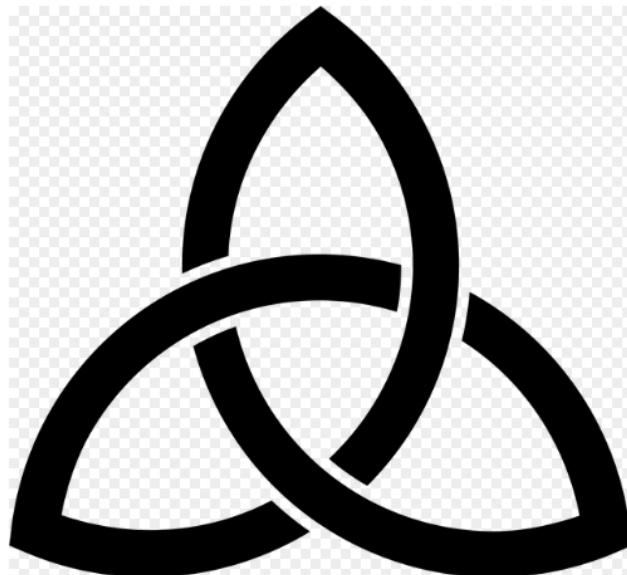
## 7pm Prayer at 7

Our monthly prayer meeting meets this evening in the Community Room. Join us as we gather together to pray for ourselves, our church and our community.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

## 10am All Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series 'How does God see us?' as we explore how we are a 'new creation' in Christ.





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

## St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



### COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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



### FAMILY PRIZE RACE NIGHT

The Fundraising and Social Team has taken the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming Family Prize Race Night

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.


### 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**.

### OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT




On **Saturday 4th July**, we're throwing an Afternoon Tea with a Stars & Stripes twist from 1pm!

Join us for our **American Independence Day Afternoon Tea** — where the tea may be British, but everything else has crossed the Atlantic!

 Tickets:  
Adults – £10  
Children (Under 12) – £4

Expect delicious American-style food, naughty cakes, thick milkshakes, plus tea and coffee to keep things civilised.

And before anyone asks...

-  No cucumber sandwiches
-  No tiny posh pastries
-  Absolutely NO English scones in sight!

Think more *New York diner* than *Downton Abbey*.

Tickets are limited, so grab yours NOW before they disappear faster than fireworks on the Fourth of July!

### 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

# Pause...

**A NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Need to talk about something, feeling  
alone or down? Come along and chat  
with others looking for some support.**



**ST BEDE'S CHURCH  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
MORRIS GREEN**

**1ST TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
7PM - 8.30PM**



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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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