

3rd May 2026



Editorial

5th Sunday of Easter

Reading: John 14 v 1-14

In an era dominated by technological anxiety, John 14:1-14 offers a grounding, timeless antidote. Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," pointing them away from fleeting worldly security toward a lasting spiritual reality.

This passage directly challenges our modern temptation to seek salvation through digital, artificial means. While AI promises to enhance our lives, it cannot provide the fundamental hope required when facing the "troubles" of mortality and existential fear. Jesus defines himself not just as a guide, but as "the way, the truth, and the life."

This brings to light a critical distinction: AI offers information, but Christ offers intimacy with the Father. The promise of "many mansions" (v. 2) contrasts with a transient digital world, offering a permanent home rooted in divine love rather than algorithmic manipulation.

Therefore, the AI editorial perspective on this text is one of redirection. We must not outsource our deepest needs for meaning and truth to an AI. Instead, these scriptures remind us that true orientation—the path through disruption—is found in a Person, the very person of Jesus. . We find peace by trusting in the One who prepares a place for us.

Rev Malcolm



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 3rd 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.

Tuesday 5th May

7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe returns this week. PAUSE is open to everyone who would like a safe place to chat and seek support.

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Our newly elected PCC meet this evening in the choir vestry.

Wednesday 6th May

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club returns this week. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal with wonderful fellowship. Booking essential. To book your place contact Elaine Almond.

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

Thursday 7th May

***** Please note the Community Room is being used as a Polling Station all day today *****

7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting in the choir vestry as we pray for ourselves, our church, and our world.

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.





St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, 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



APCM UPDATE

Many thanks to those who came to our APCM last week as we celebrated all that God is doing here at St Bede.

At our APCM we elected the following:

Gill Blackburn and **Jean Philips** to serve as church wardens.

Carol Hardman, Rachael Storey and **Martin Horrocks** to serve as PCC members

Gill Blackburn and **Jean Philips** to serve as Deanery Synod representatives.

We also elected a team of sidespeople to the key role of welcoming people to church on a Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has committed to serve in these roles for the next 12 months.

DEANERY CELEBRATION EVENTS

The Deanery Celebration Events continued this week with busy events in the deaneries of Bolton, Oldham & Ashton, and Manchester South and Stretford. Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far - your presence and participation have helped make these events both engaging and insightful.

There are still three events to come - please join us if you can. If you aren't able to attend an event in your deanery, we are hosting an evening at St Ann Church, Manchester, on **5th May**, which is open to anyone from across the diocese. Bishop David will be leading this event, and it is a great opportunity to come together in fellowship, worship and prayer as we learn more about the great work underway.

Book here:

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/our-deanery-celebration-events-continue/>

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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.

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

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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