

14th June 2026



Editorial

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Reading: 1 Peter 2 v 1-10

In 1 Peter 2:1–10, we are reminded that the Church is not simply a gathering of people, but a “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.” This identity is both a gift and a responsibility. Peter calls us first to lay aside behaviours that blur our witness—malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander—and instead to crave spiritual nourishment like newborn babies, growing into maturity in Christ.

To be the Church today means embracing this distinctiveness. In a world that often values self-promotion and division, we are called to embody humility, integrity, and grace. Our lives should look different—not through grand gestures, but through consistent, everyday acts of love, forgiveness, and truth. We are “living stones,” being built together into a spiritual house, pointing not to ourselves, but to Jesus, the cornerstone.

Our calling is missional. Peter reminds us that we are chosen “that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” When we live authentically—serving others, standing for what is right, and loving sacrificially—we become signposts to Christ.

The Church at its best is not just visible, but radiant—helping others see Jesus clearly through the way we live

**Tony Whitehead - Licensed Lay Minister
(Reader)**



Please Pray for...

Minti R	Emma H
Lynne 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 14th June

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we continue our sermon series 'What God Knows About Us' as we reflect on how we are God's chosen people and beautifully weird in God's eyes. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.

Wednesday 17th June

6.15pm Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

Join us again for our WOW Service. This week we focus on Giving as we continue our series exploring how we live out our faith as Christians. Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meet this week.

Sunday 21st June

10am Morning Service

As we celebrate Father's Day, we continue our series 'What God Knows About Us' This week we reflect on how we are all sons and daughters of God our Heavenly Father. Our children's group 'Church Rocks' also meets this week.





 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, 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

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!

AND IF YOU WANT SCONES.....



FUNERAL OF DAVID VAUSE

Recently we announced the sad news that David Vause, a much loved member of our church family, has died.

David's funeral will take place on **Friday 26th June, 10.45am** at St Bede Church followed by a Committal Service at 12pm at Overdale.

We ask that you would continue to hold David's family, including Lynne Vause-Fletcher and her family, in your prayers at this difficult time, especially as they continue to grieve the recent loss of Norma.

May they know the comfort of God's love, the strength of His presence, and the peace that comes from our Lord's promise of eternal life.



AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

AFTERNOON TEA

An afternoon tea with a difference!



St Bede Parish invites you on

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026 @ 1pm

A classic English afternoon tea with an American twist — featuring sandwiches, mini pizzas, cookies, donuts, and a delicious selection of desserts and cakes inspired by across the pond, all served with indulgent milkshakes, plus tea and coffee.



TICKETS

Adults £10 | Children (under 12) £4

Celebrate Independence Day with great food, family & friends!



WOW

Worship On Wednesday



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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