

21st June 2026



Editorial

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Luke 15 v 11-32

Today, as we mark Father's Day, we are reminded that God is our heavenly Father. The reading from Luke's gospel, chapter 15, verses 11 to 32, 'The Parable of the Lost Son' is regarded by many as the greatest parable Jesus ever told. Luke tells us how Jesus has come to seek and save the lost, the poor, the outcasts.

Perhaps some of us, at some time in our lives, have been just like the youngest son in this well-known parable. We have rebelled against God, our parents, people in positions of authority, responsibilities. However, Jesus' famous parable reminds us that no matter how far we walk away from our heavenly Father, no matter how great a sin we are guilty of, God our Father is generous with us, loves us and waits patiently for us. He treats all of us equally. He is a loving, waiting, welcoming Father, who accepts, forgives, loves and is always ready to welcome each one of us home, to adopt us back again as His beloved son or daughter and rejoices when we come back to Him. The Father's love and forgiveness is always constant.

St Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 18, 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty'. Are we willing to return to our Heavenly Father, just as the youngest son did in this great parable? The Father's reaction was to run to his child, to embrace him, to rid him of the poor choices that he had made. God can restore us to our rightful position as His sons and daughters. He can bring us back into full inheritance in Him, back into a place of authority as a beloved child of God. When we are restored into God's family, we have renewed purpose and significance.

Carol Hardman - Authorised Lay Minister



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
Ben 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 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.

Wednesday 24th June

6.15pm Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

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

Friday 26th June

10.45am Funeral of David Vause

David's funeral is taking place in church this morning Please keep David's family in your prayers.

Sunday 28th June

10am Baptism Service

Worship with us as we welcome the family and friends of Coco Onyebuna who is being baptised at St Bede this morning and beginning her journey of faith. In our all-age service, we'll also be continuing our sermon series 'What God Knows About Us' and how God gives us power in our lives.





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COLLECT

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

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

Or 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!



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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