

28th June 2026



Editorial

4th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4 v 1-12

In 2 Corinthians 4:1–12, Paul offers a powerful reminder that Christian ministry is not sustained by human strength, but by God's mercy. Despite hardship, rejection, and suffering, Paul refuses to lose heart. Instead, he points to the transforming light of Christ, shining through fragile, imperfect lives—"jars of clay." This passage challenges us to reconsider how we view weakness. In a world that celebrates strength and success, Paul declares that our limitations are precisely where God's power is revealed.

We may feel pressed, perplexed, or even struck down, yet we are not abandoned. God's life is at work within us, even in our struggles. This truth offers hope: our faith is not defined by ease, but by endurance rooted in Christ.

As we navigate the pressures of daily life, Paul's words invite us to hold fast to hope, trust in God's sustaining grace, and let His light shine through us—however fragile we may feel.

**Tony Whitehead - Licenced 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
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 28th June

10am Baptism Service

Worship with us as we welcome the family and friends of Koko 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.

Monday 29th June

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Taking place in the community room

Wednesday 1st July

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

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

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us for our all-age service this week as we reflect on how we can make a difference in the world as we continue our series 'Christian Commitments'. Our youth group Beyond WOW also meets this week

Thursday 2nd July

7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for this special time as we gather together in the Community Room to pray for ourselves, our church and our world.

Friday 3rd July

9.15am St Bede Collective Worship

Today we welcome pupils from St Bede Academy as we host our school collective worship in church.

Saturday 4th July

1pm American Afternoon Tea

Don't forget to book your tickets for our American Afternoon Tea taking place today in church.

Sunday 5th July

10am Family Communion Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series 'How God Sees Us'. This week we reflect on how God empowers us in our lives and helps us to see that 'We Are Able' to do all things.



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, 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

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

11 CHRISTIAN PLAYERS TO WATCH AT THE WORLD CUP

The 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup is upon us. Featuring 48 teams and 104 matches, fans will be hoping the bigger-than-ever-before tournament will bring excitement, drama, and dreams of their team lifting the trophy.

One certainty is that faith will be present on the field, as players across many competing nations have proudly shared their Christian beliefs.

Over the next few weeks, I will be highlighting eleven of those players who look to glorify Jesus' name when they step onto the pitch. Here are the first two;

Marc Guehi - England

The son of a south London church leader, 25 year-old Guehi is set to be one of England's starting centre backs. He's known for inscribing **Bible verses onto his boots**, wearing "Isaiah 54:17" ("No weapon formed against you shall prosper") as he made his debut for Manchester City in January. While captain at previous club Crystal Palace, Guehi risked disciplinary action from the Football Association for writing **"I love Jesus"** and **"Jesus loves you"** on rainbow armbands, during the Premier League's LGBT inclusion campaign. He will line up alongside fellow believers Bukayo Saka, Eberechi Eze, Noni Madueke and Ivan Toney.



Ben Gannon-Doak - Scotland

Having been taken off on a stretcher in tears in the game Scotland qualified for the World Cup, requiring his third surgery in as many years, Gannon-Doak has been vocal about how a **reliance on God has given him strength**. The 20 year-old Catholic told the *BBC* he "felt God calling" three years ago after his first injury, and has since felt "blessed with a platform" to share the gospel as a professional footballer at AFC Bournemouth. The club have shared the **meanings behind Bible verses** he often wrote on tape during rehabilitation.

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!





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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