

26th July 2026



Editorial

8th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: John 2 v 1-12

'You have saved the best til now' (John 2:10)

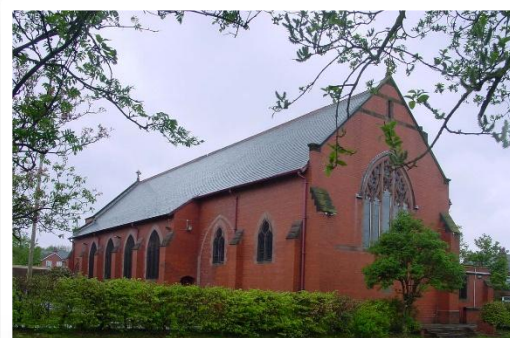
When I was a Curate, I remember one Sunday morning when we arrived at church we discovered we had no wine for communion. So, my colleague the Vicar gave a £20 note to the church warden and asked the warden to go and buy some wine, expecting the warden to go and buy a standard bottle of fortified wine such as QC and bring some change back.

Instead, the warden spent the whole £20 on a bottle of the finest port you could buy in the shop! Unsurprisingly the congregation consumed much more communion wine than usual that day as the best wine tasted so much better.

This week as we begin our new summer series 'It's a Miracle' we begin by reflecting on Jesus' power to turn water into wine. Yet at the end of the miracle, we are reminded that Jesus not only turned water into wine, but Jesus had the power to turn water into the best wine which is why the master of the banquet exclaimed 'You have saved the best til now'.

This miracle is described as a 'sign' in John's Gospel. It is a sign that in Jesus: the best is yet to come. It is a sign that points us to the hope that we have that one day we will be with Jesus forevermore and dining at God's banqueting table which will be the best party ever. May we put our trust in Jesus this week and discover the best good news as we experience Jesus' transforming power in our lives today.

Vinny



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	Sophie W
Samantha W	Re-Ordering Project
Ben B	WoW & Beyond WoW
Ethan's family	Pause Café
Tony	
Julie H Family	

Remember, this list is for those who need our prayers,
not just the sick or bereaved.



This week at St Bede

Sunday 26th July

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we begin our new summer sermon series 'It's a Miracle' as we explore the miracles of Jesus. This week we are exploring how Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana in Galilee.

Saturday 1st August

9.30am Local Councillor Surgery

Meeting in the Community Room

Sunday 2nd August

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series 'It's A Miracle'. This week we explore how Jesus had the power to heal a paralysed man.





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Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through 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

Or visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk

KICK OFF SUMMER FUN

WOW and our regular children's ministry groups are taking a break over the summer, however the Diocesan Places Project Team are hosting a 'Kick Off Summer Fun' activity afternoon aimed at families on **Wednesday 12th August, 1pm-2:30pm** [here](#) at St Bede. Please put the date in your diary and spread the word to your friends and neighbours.



England and France players lauded for praying together after World Cup thriller

England overcame France 6-4 in the bronze final, before players from both teams shared a moment together

GOOD NEWS! WE'VE UPGRADED OUR BROADBAND!

As part of our efforts to keep costs down while improving performance, we've switched to a new broadband provider and entered the world of Full Fibre!

The good news is that the Wi-Fi network name and password haven't changed, so you can carry on connecting as normal. The even better news is that you should notice a stronger, faster, and more reliable signal throughout the building.

We've also added two **eero's**. Eeros create a "mesh" Wi-Fi network, helping to spread a strong and reliable signal around the building and reduce Wi-Fi blackspots. Once they're fully operational (in the coming weeks), they should provide even better coverage, particularly in the Community Room and surrounding areas.

If you notice anything unusual, whether that's a big improvement (hopefully!) or any unexpected issues, please let me know. Your feedback will help make sure everything is working as it should.

Happy browsing!  

Tony



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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