

16th August 2026

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Editorial

11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Mark 10 v 46-52

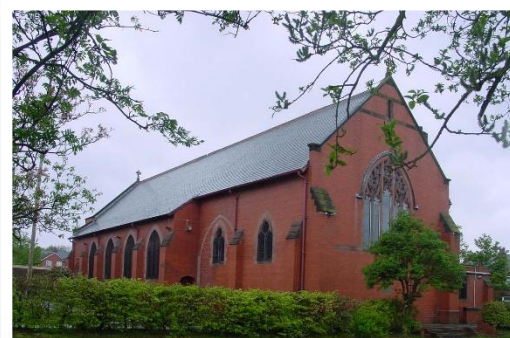
It's a Miracle – Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

As we continue our series on the miracles of Jesus, in this week's reading we hear how Jesus heals a blind man, who calls out to Him. This was one of the first miracle stories that my son was taught as a young child, and I recall with fondness how he told me all about what he had learned about the faith of Blind Bartimaeus.

This blind man was begging, however, when he met Jesus, he did not ask for money but instead asked for a life-changing experience. We do not know whether Bartimaeus had previously seen Jesus but we gather from Mark's gospel that he had heard about Jesus and what he heard was enough for Bartimaeus to persistently call out to Him in faith. He did not need to see to believe, instead for Bartimaeus, believing was seeing.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." So, if like Bartimaeus, we want to move from darkness into light, then what we need is 'blind faith' in Jesus. We need to embrace and trust in the promises that Jesus has made, so that we, like Bartimaeus can call out to Jesus today.

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

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 16th August

10am Healing Service

Join us for our special Healing Service as we continue our all-age summer series 'It's a Miracle' and reflect on Jesus' power to heal a blind man called Bartimaeus. There will also be opportunity to be prayed for if you would like to ask for healing today.

Sunday 23rd August

10am All-Age Service

Worship with us for our all-age service as we continue our summer 'It's a Miracle' Series. This week we hear of Jesus' power to raise Jairus' daughter back to life!

Sunday 30th August

10am Charity Partner Sunday

Join us for our 'Charity Partner Sunday' service as we hear about the work of this year's charity partner 'Bolton Hospice'. We welcome Darren Winnard as our guest speaker.





St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through 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

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Christina Millington is once again holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on **9th September 2026** between 11am and 8pm.

Please come along to 36 Hollins, Plodder Lane, BL4 0LF



Christmas Fayre
Monthly Appeal

It may only be August, but Christmas will be here before we know it! With a little festive planning, we can make this year's Christmas Fayre our best one yet.

Throughout September, we'd be grateful if you could bring in an item to help support our Christmas Fayre. To get us started, we're collecting **bottles for our popular Bottle Tombola**. Any bottle is welcome, big or small, whether it's squash, shampoo, wine, bubble bath, or anything in between!

Over the coming weeks, we'll be giving out slips with details of other items we'd like you to bring.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, let's make this Christmas Fayre a wonderful festive celebration for our community!



HEALING SERVICE

This weekend, we are holding another Healing Service, at 10am this Sunday.

During our healing service there will be the opportunity to come forward and to pray with as you seek healing, whether it is healing for body, mind or spirit. Please do come along.

CHARITY PARTNER SUNDAY

Sunday 30th August, 10am

On Sunday 30th August, we are holding our Annual Charity Partner Sunday, as we hear about the work of our charity of the year, Bolton Hospice.

We are delighted to welcome **Darren Winnard**, who is the Fundraising Community Lead for Bolton Hospice, who will be speaking at the service. Please do come along to hear Darren and as we pray for the work of Bolton Hospice.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that this week's newsletter is a **double issue**, and therefore **no newsletter will be produced next week**.

The **30th August** edition will be **online only** due to holiday arrangements, and printed copies will not be available.

Thank you for your understanding

Tony



ST BEDE PARISH CHURCH

invites you to

PUDDING NIGHT

Friday 18 September 2026

7pm start - Community Room

A delicious evening of desserts, music and fellowship

Tickets

£8 per person

Includes

4 pudding tasters

+ refreshments

Sweet treats, tea, coffee and great company

Bring friends, family, neighbours and anyone with a sweet tooth!



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bolton Singing Group

Show tunes plus classic 60s and 70s favourites

Also featuring a special performance from

★ **our very own Sophie** ★

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Available from Church

or by messaging us on our Facebook page

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Sweet treats - show tunes - singalong favourites



Kick Off Summer Fun



We had a great time at St Bede
this week at our Kick Off
Summer Fun Family Event.
Over 15 of us gathered for a
fun afternoon of games, crafts
and also reflected on the story
of David and Goliath.
Thank you to the Places Project
Team for running this event



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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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