

9th August 2026



Editorial

10th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Matthew 14 v 22-33

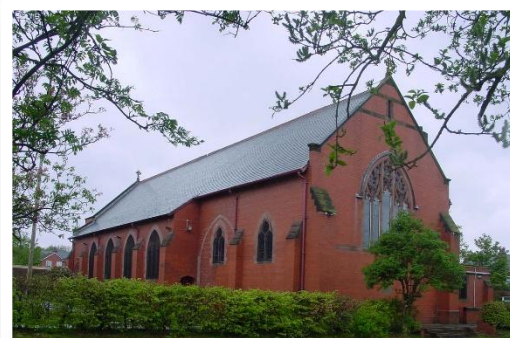
In life, we all face storms. Sometimes they arrive through illness, family worries, financial pressures, or uncertainty about the future. In Matthew 14:22-33, the disciples find themselves battling strong winds and rough waters in the darkness. It is in that moment of fear and struggle that Jesus comes to them, walking across the water.

Peter's response is both courageous and deeply human. At Jesus' invitation, he steps out of the boat and begins to walk on the water. Yet when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses on the wind and waves, fear overwhelms him and he begins to sink. How often do we experience the same thing? We start with confidence, but life's challenges can quickly distract and discourage us.

A modern-day example might be someone facing redundancy or job uncertainty. The future suddenly feels unclear, anxiety grows, and it is easy to become consumed by "what if?" questions. Yet many people discover that, even in those difficult seasons, God provides unexpected support through family, friends, church communities, and new opportunities.

The most encouraging part of the story is that Jesus immediately reaches out to Peter. He does not wait for Peter to solve the problem himself. In the same way, Christ meets us in our struggles today. Whatever storm you may be facing, remember that His hand is never far away, and with Him, no wave is greater than His power and love.

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	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 9th August

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age Family Communion Service as we continue our summer sermon series 'It's a Miracle'. This week we explore Jesus' power to Walk on Water.

Tuesday 11th August

10.15am Funeral of Linda Syddall

Taking place in church. Please do keep Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

Wednesday 12th August

1pm Kick Off Summer Fun Family Event

Join Judith (Places Project) and the team for a free family fun afternoon of games and crafts here at St Bede Church.

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.





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COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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



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

Christine 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

SUNDAY READERS ROTA

A notice for all those who do Bible Readings at St Bede Church. From now on, we will produce a 3 monthly Reader Rota, with the August – October rota being available this Sunday from the back of church.

If you do readings in church, please do take a rota and if you can't make the service you've been allocated then please swap with someone else. If you have any further questions contact Vinny.



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.

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next event is the very successful Pudding Night which was debued last year!

Tickets will be available from next week and the details are on the next page.

Tickets are limited, so get yours whilst you can! Let your friends And neighbours know!

HEALING SERVICE

Next Sunday, on **Sunday 16th August**, we are holding another *Healing Service*.

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

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



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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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