

13th September 2026



Editorial

15th Sunday after Trinity – Education Sunday

Reading: Matthew 5 v 13-16

As we greet a new school year, a new job, a new role, or new responsibilities in life, we do so with a sense of apprehensiveness and sometimes mild fear. The blood rushes around our body causing 'butterflies' in our stomach.

We need to learn, through time, experience and the reading of scripture how to share with others the truth and good that we know and have learned. Today's scripture Matthew, 5, 13-16, asks the question, 'What good is salt if it loses its saltiness?', well it's no good at all, it's like sugar without its sweetness, and may as well be thrown away! We in some sense when we accept Jesus are much like a light bulb and emit a certain amount of light according to our experience and relationship to Jesus, that light should be directed towards others, that they may benefit from our walk with Jesus themselves, by being encouraged and strengthened, by our good deeds, which were themselves shaped by our walk with Jesus. Genuine light from God brings glory to God and not to the individual shining the light, we are but instruments through whom Jesus shines, and we should be happy with that and not seek for recognition for any of the good works we may display.

Reflecting Jesus' call to be 'light in the world', we should light up the path leading directly to Jesus for others to follow and grow in faith and grace. Our deeds always should be an example to others by reflecting the Light of Christ, the Saviour of the world. Let us always Glorify God in everything we do and say in order that the Kingdom of God may grow and expand here on earth.

Rev Malcolm



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	Lydia W
Ethan's family	Re-Ordering Project
Tony	WoW & Beyond WoW
Julie H Family	Pause Café
Ina	

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 13th September

10am Education Sunday

Worship with us as we mark the beginning of the new academic year with our special Education Sunday service.

As part of this service, we will be praying for our church school, St Bede Academy, and we welcome Mrs Black our Headteacher and senior staff who will be attending this service.

Our children's ministry group, Church Rocks, meets this morning for the first time since the summer break.

Monday 14th September

10.45am Funeral of Barbara Redford

Barbara's funeral will take place in church this morning. Please do keep Barbara's family in your prayers.

7.30pm St Bede PCC Meeting

Taking place in the Community Room

Wednesday 16th September

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW service continues this week as we continue our series reflecting on our relationships. This week we are exploring our relationships with our friends.

Our Youth Group **Beyond WOW** also meets again this week for our older young people in Yr 7+ at Secondary School. New members are welcome.

Sunday 20th September

10am Holy Communion

Worship with us in this Creationtide season as we reflect on how we are called to care and look after God's creation. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' also meets this week.





 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in 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



Christmas Fayre
Monthly Appeal

Please bring your items to church and take another slip.

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



BARBARA REDFORD

Just a reminder that the funeral of Barbara Redford, a much loved member and faithful servant of St Bede Church, will take place on **Monday 14th September**, 10.45am here at St Bede Church followed by a Committal Service at Overdale.

Please keep Barbara's family including Barbara's sister Anne in your prayers at this difficult time.



GOOD WISHES

At a recent visit to Greenbelt, Carol bumped into Viv and Tim Ashworth, former incumbents here at St Bede. They both send their best wishes to everyone at St Bede.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2026

Do you want to be confirmed this year and confirm your faith in Jesus?

Our Annual Mission Community Confirmation Service 2026 is taking place on **Sunday 15th November**, 6.30pm at St Andrews (depending on number of candidates) and will be led by Bishop Matthew.

If you are 14+ and wish to be confirmed or would like to explore confirmation please speak to Vinny by **Sunday 20th September**.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Last week we shared our appeal 'Building for the Future' as we seek to build for the future here at St Bede and ensure that our church continues to be a beacon of light to our community for future generations to come.

We are grateful to many of you at St Bede who already give generously of your time, gifts and talents to support the work of St Bede Church. Yet we need your help to help us continue to build for the future here at St Bede, by donating money, so that we can maintain and invest in our beautiful church building.

Please do pick up a leaflet '**Building for the Future**' at the back of church which has details of how you can respond and give and prayerfully consider how you might commit to giving regularly to St Bede. Even £10 a month would make a huge difference.

If you would like to know more about how you can support St Bede Church financially then speak to Simon Brooks, our treasurer.

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



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

Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors

Living for Jesus at the heart of our Community



LUNCHEON CLUB



DATES FOR 2026



Join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 12pm in St Bedes Church Community Room for a 2 course meal

£6.50



**EVERYONE
WELCOME**



**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**



**GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY**



For further information or to book a meal contact
email: churchoffice@st-bede.org.uk



Elaine and Dave Tel: 01942 793122





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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