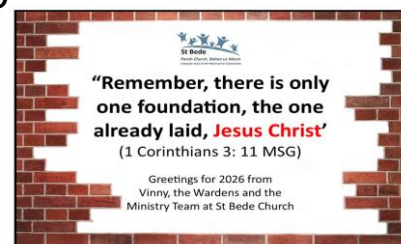


20th September 2026



Editorial

16th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Romans 8 v 18-25

"And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!" (*Louis Armstrong, 1967*). We do indeed live in a wonderful world. In Genesis 1 we read 'And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.' Everything begins with God and everything God created is perfect. He created our wonderful world, and He placed human beings in it and gave them the responsibility of caring for it and preserving it. Today, it is hard to imagine how beautiful and perfect God's wonderful world must have been. The rivers were filled with aquatic life, animals roamed the earth, trees were producing food, the air was clean and pure.

Yet, as we read in today's bible passage from Romans 8:18-25, St Paul reminds us that we live in a world which is groaning for redemption. The whole world has been impacted by our sin and our lack of care for God's creation. Today, our rivers are polluted and aquatic life is dying. The land and air are polluted, and the quality of life is deteriorating. Instead of preserving what God has entrusted into our care we are destroying it. Our ongoing human actions have caused changes to the Earth's climate system, by the use of fossil fuels, leading to rising sea levels and an increase in extreme weather events.

We do have a hope that God is working out his great plan of salvation to renew and restore all things. Yet as Christians, God calls us to play our part in looking after and caring for the wonderful world He created. We must take practical steps to look after God's creation. We must become good stewards of the things He has entrusted into our care ... and we must do this the praise and glory of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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	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 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.

Wednesday 23rd 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 family.

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.

Saturday 26th September

9am St Bede Clean-Up Day

This Saturday we are holding our annual clean-up day as we tidy our church and do a bit of clearing. If you can spare an hour or two doing a bit of tidying and clearing and help remove some rubbish - please do come along.

Sunday 27th September

10am All-Age Service

Worship with us this week in our all-age service as we begin a new sermon series reflecting on our relationships. This week we begin with our most important relationship of all, our relationship with God.



SEASON OF CREATION



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! 🎁 🎄 ✨

CHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOL SIGNING EVENING

Thursday 8th October from 6pm.

If your child is in Year 6 and is
applying for a church secondary
school (e.g. St James High
School) and you need your
supplementary form signing, we
are holding an evening in church
where Vinny will sign your forms.

In order to book an appointment;
please phone or e-mail Vinny
(01204) 658921 / vinny@st-bede.org.uk, and Vinny will
confirm an appointment time
with you. Please do confirm your
child's name and which school(s)
you need a supplementary form
signing for.

HARVEST SUPPER QUIZ

Tickets are now available for our
next Social & Fundraising event,
our annual Harvest Supper Quiz.



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.



SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from **September 1 to
October 4**, the Christian family unites
for a worldwide celebration of prayer
and action to protect our common
home.

As followers of Christ from around the
globe, we share a common role as
stewards of God's creation. We see
that our wellbeing is interwoven with
its wellbeing. We rejoice in this
opportunity to care for our common
home and the sisters and brothers who
share it.

This year, the theme for the season is
Biodiversity, God's web of life. We
invite you to consider the unique value
of each creature in God's wondrously
complex web of life

ST BEDE PARISH HARVEST SUPPER QUIZ

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
FUN, LAUGHTER & FRIENDLY COMPETITION!



**FRIDAY
9 OCTOBER
2026**



**VENUE:
ELLESMERE CLUB**

★ **TICKETS** ★

 **ADULTS** **£7**

 **CHILDREN** **£3.50**

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES

Delicious
**PASTY
& PEAS**



EVENT TIMES

 **DOORS OPEN
7:15pm**

 **QUIZ STARTS
7:30pm
PROMPTLY**

Gather your family and friends, sharpen your wits, and come along for a memorable harvest celebration filled with great food, great company, and plenty of quiz-night excitement!



**FUN QUIZ
QUESTIONS**



**FAMILY FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE**



**HARVEST
CELEBRATION**



GREAT FOOD



**GREAT
COMPANY**



**FANTASTIC
PRIZES**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

*Bring family, friends and neighbours
for a fantastic evening!*



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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