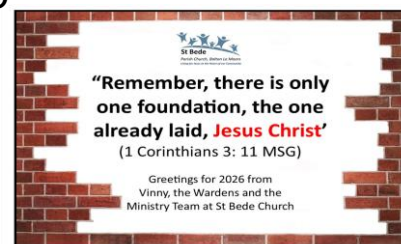


27th September 2026



Editorial

17th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Matthew 22 v 34-40

The Pharisees at the time were always trying to catch Jesus out and spouting the "law" at him and today's reading is another one of those times. The expert from the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked "Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" They are of course asking about the Jewish laws of the time.

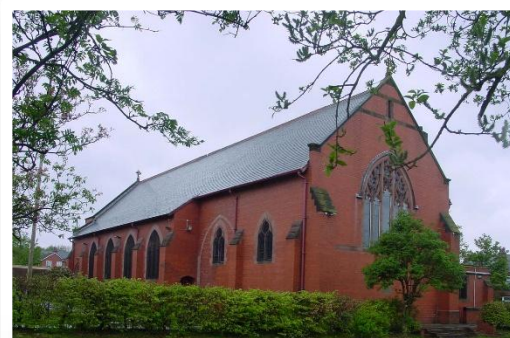
The response from Jesus was to give the crowds his answer being that the two commandments Jesus saw as the only two Commandments we needed. This is one of my favourite verses of the Bible and is of course part of the Communion service which we use on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays usually.

Jesus said "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; "Love your neighbour as yourself". Matthew 22 v 37 – 39.

Put simply God should be your first love and everyone and I mean all others because everyone can be classed as your neighbour comes second.

Jesus was of course setting it out plainly for everyone to follow and so it is up to each one of us to play our part and remember these two great Commandments.

Gill Blackburn – Authorised Lay Minister & Churchwarden



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 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.

Wednesday 30th 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 parents

Our Youth Group **Beyond WOW** also meets again this week for our older young people in Yr 7+ at Secondary School. Beyond WOW now begins at **6pm** and finishes at 7pm. New members are welcome.

Thursday 1st October

7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting in the Community Room as we gather for a short time of prayer as we pray for ourselves, our church and our world.

Friday 2nd October

9.15am, 11am and 2pm St Bede Academy Harvest Services

Today we welcome pupils and staff from St Bede Academy as they hold their school harvest services in church today.

Sunday 4th October

10am Harvest Festival

Join us as we celebrate our Harvest Festival with our all-age celebration. We are delighted to welcome staff and pupils from St Bede Academy who are joining and participating in our service. Don't forget to bring your harvest gifts. All our food donations this year will be given to Urban Outreach.





 **THE CHURCH
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St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Gracious God, you call us to
fullness of life: deliver us from
unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of 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 FESTIVAL 2026

Next Sunday (4th October) at 10am is
our Harvest Festival at St Bede. As part
of our Harvest Festival we invite you to
bring food donations which will be given
to Urban Outreach. We are particularly
looking for donations of:

tinned food, dried food such as pasta /
rice, tea / coffee, longlife UHT milk,
Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Biscuits

We hope you can join us as we celebrate
all that God has given us.

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**.

CONSULTATION RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

Following Bishop David Walker's
announcement that he intends to retire at the
end of July 2027, our Diocese is beginning the
process that will lead to the appointment of his
successor.

One of the first stages in that process is the
preparation of a Statement of Needs. This
important document will help describe the life,
mission, opportunities and challenges of our
diocese and will inform the work of the Crown
Nominations Commission as it considers who
God may be calling to serve as our next bishop.

As a Diocese, we are inviting clergy, licensed
ministers, lay leaders and people across the
diocese to complete a survey and share their
views. Your insights will help us to identify the
priorities, hopes and challenges that will shape
both the Statement of Needs and the wider
consultation process.

This is an important moment in the life of our
diocese, and we are committed to ensuring
that a wide range of voices are heard. We hope
you will take the time to contribute and
encourage others to do the same. The survey
is available here
<http://melresearch.co.uk/manchester> and will
close at midnight on **Monday, 5th October**.
Paper copies are available on request,
simply email
vacancyinsee@manchester.anglican.org

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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