St Bede
Parish Church, Bolton Le Moors
Living for Jesus at the Heart of our Community

NEWSLETTER

25th October 2026





Editorial

21st Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Ephesians 5 v 21-33

In today's reading St Paul shows us that Christ's relationship with us gives us a wonderful picture of what our partnerships should be like. He reminds us that marriage reflects the relationship between Christ and his church. In the UK, marriage rates are falling and some may argue that marriage is an outdated institution, however marriage is a way of life intended by God to be a blessing to us.

In the passage, St Paul gives us some helpful guidelines to make successful partnerships. Cherish each other with a sacrificial type of love. Nourish each other with praise, compassion and forgiveness. Give to each other freely and generously. Communicate with each other. Pray for each other. Be faithful and truthful with each other. This is the example that Christ has set for us through His relationship with his church. Jesus cherishes us with such sacrificial love, that he gave His life for our salvation. Jesus nourishes us with compassion and forgives us unconditionally. God gives gifts to us all the time; financially, spiritually and physically. God listens to us. He hears our prayers. Jesus is eternally faithful and true to us. He will never leave or forsake us.

God intends for our relationships to be successful and thriving. If we want to maintain healthy and happy partnerships, we need to follow the example that Christ has set for us.

Carol Hardman – Authorised Lay Minister





Please Pray for...

Minti R
Lynne and family
Anne & family
Barbara S
Brenda & Ken
Betty
Lee A
Stuart & family
Jackie
Isaac
Jodie
Anne H
Ross
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Norma M
Freda
Samantha W
Ben B
Ethan's family
Tony C
Julie H Family
Ina
Emma H
Chloe
Rachael B
John H & Debs
Sue S
Vinny H
Bishop David †
Michael F
Joanne
Pauline G & family
David P
Tania
Irene S
Donna
Peter C
Ethan's Family
Lydia W
Anne-Marie T
Re-Ordering Project
WoW & Beyond WoW
Pause Café

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 25th October

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series on relationships. This week we reflect on the importance of marriage and how we are to live with one another in marriage.

Tuesday 27th October

10am Funeral of Ian Brandon

The funeral of Ian Brandon is taking place in church this morning. Please do keep Ian's family in your prayers at this time.

Wednesday 2th October

6.15pm Let Your Light Shine Glow Party

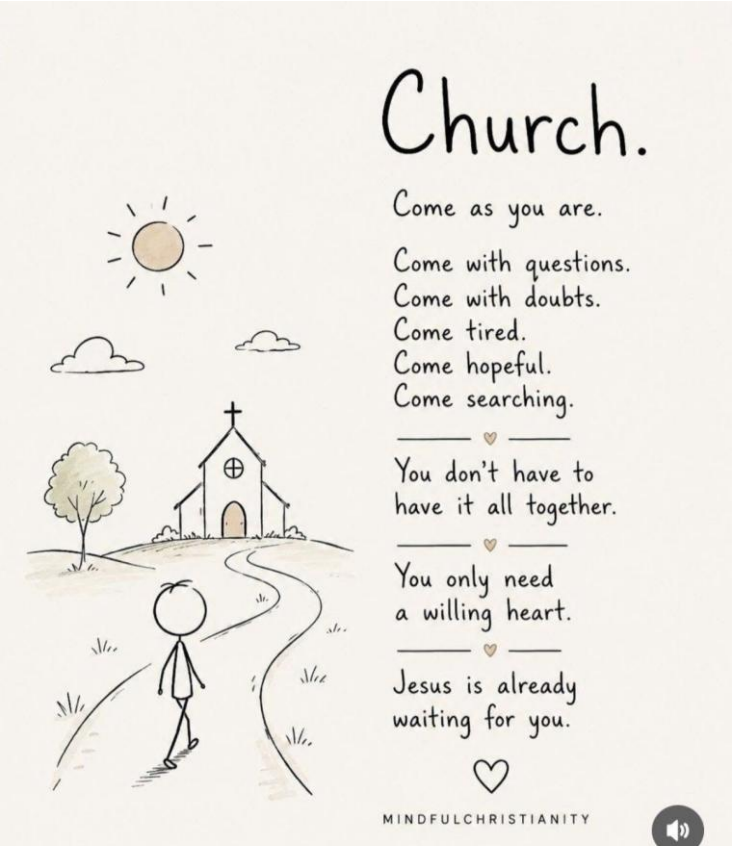
We are delighted to announce that Judith and the Places Project are leading a 'Let Your Light Shine' Glow Party aimed at primary school aged children and their families this week on Wednesday 28th October as WOW takes a break.

It's free so why not come along and join us for games, crafts, refreshments and let's celebrate the light of Christ which shines in the darkness even on a gloomy autumn night!

Sunday 1st November

10am All-Age Service

Worship with us as we continue to reflect on our relationships and what the Bible teaches us about our relationships. This week we are exploring God's perspective on singleness.





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Mighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; 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

REV'D MALCOLM BRISTOW

Thank you to everyone who came to support Malcolm last weekend as Malcolm preached and presided at Communion for the final time at St Bede Church.

We had a wonderful 'Surprise' party for Malcolm on Saturday evening and then a fantastic service on Sunday morning as friends past and present joined us for Malcolm's final service.

Thank you Malcolm for your ministry amongst us as a reader and as an ordained priest.





WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

As it is half term, our WOW service is taking a break for the next 2 weeks.

Our WOW service and Beyond WOW group will return again on Wednesday 11th November.

ST BEDE INCOME SURVEY

This Sunday (25th October) is the final Sunday in which you can complete our income survey.

If you are a regular member of St Bede's, and haven't done so already, please could you complete an income survey this week.

Income surveys are anonymous and are used to calculate how much parish share we contribute to the Diocese to pay for our ministry costs.

Thank you for your help

A MESSAGE FROM REV MALCOLM

Dear friends

Thank you all so much for your support and encouragement over the last 38 years ministry at St Bede's . In that time Pat and I are proud to have become family members of such a warm and welcoming community of Christians. Thank you for your growth in Jesus and for welcoming and including others to take up the challenge. I am going to miss active public ministry. However Pat and I will still be around for encouragement, support and growth! Again thank you so much for your lovely cards, prayers, love, gifts and good wishes.

Yours in Christ

Revd Malcolm & Pat

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

JOIN US AT OUR

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

'GLOW PARTY'

Wednesday 28th October
6.15pm-7.15pm
at St Bede Church

- Fun games
- Crafts
- Refreshments
- Faith Filled Fun

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT





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COME AND JOIN THE
CHRISTMAS FUN!
All Welcome!
St Bede Parish Church warmly invites you to our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 21st November
St Bede CofE Primary Academy
10am – 1pm
Come along. and get into the festive spirit with a wonderful morning of Christmas fun for all the family!
LOTS OF FANTASTIC STALLS
FESTIVE CAFÉ AND TASTY TREATS
SWEETS AND GOODIES
GAMES AND CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES!
PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER
PLUS... A VISIT TO SANTA'S GROTTO!
Ho Ho Ho!
Free entry into grand draw
ENTRY JUST £1
CHILDREN GO FREE!
Bring your family, bring your friends and come and enjoy a little taste of Christmas at St Bede!
We'd love to see you there!

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LUNCHEON CLUB

DATES FOR 2026

OCT 7TH 2026

NOV 4TH 2026

DEC 2ND 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**



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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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