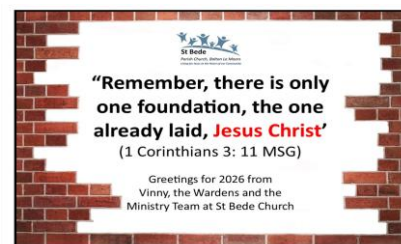


4th October 2026



Editorial

Harvest

Reading: Psalm 65

'You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance' (Psalm 65 v 11)

This Sunday is our Harvest Festival, a special time of the year where we give thanks to God for all the good gifts that He has given us through His creation. I do hope you will be able to join us for our special Harvest service where we also welcome pupils and staff from our church school, St Bede Academy.

Harvest is an annual celebration, yet in Old Testament times, the Jewish people celebrated Harvest three times a year. At Passover time, around March - April, the Jews celebrated the first barley / grain harvest. At Pentecost time, around May - June, the Jews celebrated the wheat harvest, and during the Festival of Tabernacles, around September - October, the Jews celebrated the harvest of grapes.

The Jewish people recognised how God provided all that they needed throughout the year and that's why they continually thanked God for every season's harvest. As David himself declares of God 'You crown the year with your bounty'.

In our supermarket culture, where we can buy what we want in any season, it is easy for us to forget God's faithfulness in providing what we need throughout the seasons.

So as we gather this harvest to thank God for all that He has given us, may we make every day a harvest day, and thank God not just at harvest, but all through the year for his goodness to us.

Rev Vinny



Please Pray for...

Minti R	Emma H
Lynne and family	Chloe
Anne & family	Rachael B
Barbara S	John H & Debs
Brenda & Ken	Sue S
Betty	Vinny H
Lee A	Bishop David †
Stuart & family	Michael F
Jackie	Joanne
Isaac	Pauline G & family
Jodie	David P
Anne H	Tania
Ross	Irene S
Belinda K	Donna
Phil & Sue B	Peter C
Norma M	Sophie W
Freda	Ethan's Family
Samantha W	Lydia W
Ben B	Re-Ordering Project
Ethan's family	WoW & Beyond WoW
Tony C	Pause Café
Julie H Family	
Ina	

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



This week at St Bede

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.

Monday 5th October

10.30am St Bede Academy Year 3 Visit to Church

Taking place in church.

Tuesday 6th October

7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE cafe returns this week. PAUSE is a safe place for people seeking support to come and meet new people and talk with others. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 7th October

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club returns this week. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal, and an opportunity to meet friends old and new. To book your place contact David or Elaine Almond.

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 brothers and sisters

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 8th October

6pm Church Secondary School Form Signing

Don't forget this week Vinny will be signing church secondary school forms. If you haven't done so already, please book an appointment. The appointments will be conducted in the Community Room

Friday 9th October

10am Funeral of Colin Hodgson

The funeral of Colin Hodgson is taking place in church this morning. Please do keep Colin's family in your prayers.

7.15pm St Bede Harvest Quiz

Our Annual Harvest Quiz is taking place in the Ellesmere Club this evening. Who will win the coveted 'St Bede Harvest Quiz Trophy'? Make sure you get your tickets for this event this weekend.



St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, 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

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

This Sunday 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.

ST BEDE INCOME SURVEY

Each October, we ask our regular worshippers to complete an anonymous Income Survey form. This is required by our Diocese, who use the results of the survey to work out how much parish share (the amount of money our Diocese requests from St Bede to contribute towards our ministry costs including the costs of our clergy) to request from us at St Bede Church.

Income surveys are available from this Sunday, and we invite you to complete the survey and place it in the box at the back of church before Sunday 25th October. Thank you so much for your help and support in completing the Income Survey.

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Christina Millington raised an astonishing £1,089. Well done and thanks to all who supported, it really was appreciated!

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





Pause...

A LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Need to talk about something, feeling alone
or down? Come along and chat with others
looking for some support or company.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7PM - 8.30PM

ST BEDE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM
MORRIS GREEN BL3 3QR

for more information please contact
pausebolton@gmail.com





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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