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

NEWSLETTER

15th November 2026





Editorial

Second Sunday before Advent

Reading: Ruth 1 v 1-18

We all need good friends in our lives. Friends who celebrate with us when life is going well, but perhaps more importantly, friends who remain beside us when life becomes difficult.

In the story of Ruth and Naomi, we see a beautiful example of faithful friendship. Naomi had experienced unimaginable loss. Her husband had died, followed by her two sons. Grieving and uncertain about the future, she decided to return home to Bethlehem. She encouraged her daughters-in-law to remain behind and rebuild their own lives. But Ruth refused to leave her.

Her famous words are filled with extraordinary love and commitment: *"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."* Ruth could have chosen the easier path, but instead she chose to walk alongside Naomi into an uncertain future.

That is what genuine friendship can look like.

Being a good friend does not mean having all the answers or being able to solve someone's problems. Often, the greatest gift we can give is simply our presence. It might mean making a phone call, sending a message, listening without judging, offering practical help, praying for someone, or quietly sitting alongside them when words are difficult to find.

Ruth reminds us that love is demonstrated through our actions. She did not simply tell Naomi that she cared. **She stayed. She walked with her. She shared the journey.**

Perhaps there is someone in our lives who needs that kind of friendship today. Someone who is lonely, grieving, struggling or simply feeling forgotten.

God calls us to notice one another and to share His love through the way we care.

So perhaps the question for each of us is simple: **Who needs me to be a Ruth today?** Someone may simply need to hear the words: **"You are not alone. I'm here, and I'll walk with you."**

Tony Whitehead – Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)





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
Sophie W
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 15th November

10am Holy Communion

Worship with us as we continue to reflect on our relationships. This week we reflect on what it means to be a good friend as we look at the example of Ruth and Naomi in the book of Ruth. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' also meets this week.

Wednesday 18th November

6.15pm Worship on Wednesday (WOW) Service

Our WOW service returns this week as we continue our series on Relationships. This week we are reflecting on the importance of listening to our friends and family.

Our youth group also returns Beyond WOW this week at 6pm as we continue our Youth Alpha series.

Saturday 21st November

10am St Bede Christmas Fayre

It's the most wonderful time of the year again when we are holding our annual Christmas Fayre! Please do come along and support us at St Bede School and invite your family and friends.

Sunday 22nd November

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age worship as we conclude our sermon series on relationships as we reflect on how love should be at the centre of all of our relationships.





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Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.

Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed 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 DINNER ON JESUS UPDATE

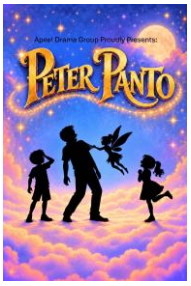
Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Appeal this year as we seek to provide 1,200 Boxes of Chocolate Mints (After 8 or Matchmakers are fine). Don't forget we only have 2 weeks before our deadline of Sunday 29th November to reach our target.

Also, as a church we are able to nominate individuals or families to receive a Christmas Dinner on Jesus Hamper. If you know of anyone who is struggling financially, or they've had a really difficult year due to bereavement etc. and you think they would value receiving a Christmas Dinner on Jesus, please let Vinny know by 29th November.

COFFEE ROTA

We are looking for volunteers to join our coffee rota for next year. This involves serving the tea and coffee after our church service once every 6 weeks, If you are able to hep or want further inforation, please speak to Elaine.





Join football-mad dad of two (Peter Panto) as he is flung into an extraordinary adventure, by a magical fairy, on a mission to save the children of Neverland.

Packed with dastardly pirates, larger-than-life dames, loveable comedy characters and plenty of pantomime mischief, Peter Panto puts a magical spin on a family favourite that will have audiences cheering for more from ship to shore. Staring Sophie Whitehead as Tinkerbelle

Little Hulton Little Theatre, M38 9EG, M38 9EG

Friday 22nd January 2027 - Sunday 31st January 2027

Peter Panto at Little Hulton Little Theatre event tickets from TicketSource



Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2026

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign for 2026!

Our challenge this year is to collect **1,200 Boxes of Chocolate Mints** (After 8 or similar) for Christmas Dinner on Jesus by **Sunday 29th November**

Please support us by bringing in your donations today as we support Urban Outreach in providing local people in need with a free Christmas Dinner this Christmas.

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URBAN OUTREACH BOLTON

ST ANDREWS CHURCH OVER HULTON
GROWING IN CHRIST, ROOTED IN LOVE
EMPOWERED TO SERVE

W.O.W

Worship On **Wednesday**

Join us for our new all-age worship experience at St Bede Church

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

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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

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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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