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

NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2026



Editorial

Sunday before Advent – Christ the King Sunday
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 v 1-13

Today our series on relationships ends, though this not the end of relationships, it is the most important part of which relationships are made. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, spells out that the greatest of gifts the Holy Spirit can bestow is LOVE. But let us not mistake the kind of LOVE that is. The kind of LOVE to which Paul refers is not the kind of love we hear portrayed in popular music, this love is eternal love which comes from the fountain head of all love, Almighty God through the second person of the most Holy Trinity, 'Agape Love',

Agape is a Greek word which best describes LOVE in its highest and most selfless form unlike the word love we hear about in popular music which is love from which romance comes (eros). Agape LOVE is not fleeting or flaky and is not based on personal attraction or feelings! For the Christian all our LOVE is based on the gift of LOVE from the Holy Spirit which transcends all feelings of attraction and does not fade.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the hymn, 'The God of Love my Shepherd is, says it all, the one who cares for us is our Heavenly Father, the God of Love. Sacrificial LOVE is at the heart of God, He gave His Son, Jesus Christ that we be forgiven our sins when we accept Jesus, that it is His Agape Love which saves from on the Cross.

As Christians we should claim that Agape Love so freely given for us, and build all our relationships on that highest principal, Love which never fades.

Rev Malcolm





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 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.

Wednesday 25th November

6.15pm Worship on Wednesday (WOW) Service

Join us for WOW again this week as we continue our series on Relationships. This week we are reflecting on Jesus' call for us to Love our Enemies.

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

Sunday 29th November

10am Holy Communion

Worship with us on this Advent Sunday as we begin our journey through Advent with our new sermon series 'A Different Perspective on Advent'. We are also delighted to welcome the Archdeacon of Bolton, the Ven Simon Cook, who will be preaching at our service this morning. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' will be also meeting today.





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Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.

Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

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 1 week 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.

WHY WE MUST RAISE MOTORWAY BRIDGE BARRIERS

The other day, while driving along the M61 near Chorley, I noticed a man pacing on a motorway bridge. Something didn't feel right, but I dismissed my concerns and continued to work.

Later, I received a message from a local councillor, who had witnessed a man over the bridge barrier, with a lorry driver trying to talk to him. My heart sank. I realised it was the same man I had seen earlier.

Thankfully, I understand he was safely brought away from the bridge. I sincerely hope he is receiving the support and care he needs.

I have been left wondering whether I could have done more, but one thing this experience has reinforced is why our campaign matters.

Motorway bridge barriers are too low and too easy to climb over. We need preventative action, not just responses after incidents happen.

This is not about politics, budgets or inconvenience. It is about protecting lives and making our motorways safer.

Every life lost is a life we can never get back.

LIVES MATTER MORE THAN MONEY.

National Highways | Andy Burnham

#RaiseTheBarriers
#LivesMatterMoreThanMoney

Stephanie



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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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

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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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