

21st September 2025



Editorial

14th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Psalm 8

The future won't wait. When everything familiar begins to fall away—position, control, comfort—you're left with one question: what now? The shrewd manager doesn't cling to what's gone. He moves. Imperfectly, boldly, urgently. That's the moment Jesus lifts up—not because it's clean, but because it's honest. Sometimes, the most faithful thing you can do is act with what you've got, not what you wish you had. Relationships can be restored. Resources can be reimagined. Mistakes can become momentum. But not if you stay stuck. The ground is shifting. The door is narrowing. What matters now is how you respond—while you still can.

Rev Sweetline



Please Pray for...

Minti R	Emma H
David & Norma V	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	Brian G
Anne H	David P
Ross	Re-Ordering Project
Belinda K	WoW & Beyond WoW
Phil & Sue B	Pause Café
Norma M	
Freda	
Samantha W	

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



This Week at St Bede

Sunday 21st September

10am Holy Communion

Join us in this season of Creationtide as we begin a new sermon series reflecting on how we can care for God's creation. We begin our series by reflecting on God's wonderful world.

Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week

Wednesday 17th September

6.15pm WOW

Worship with us this week as we continue to reflect on the character of God by exploring how God is a God of Mercy Our Youth Group also meets again this week

7.15pm Alpha Course

Our new Alpha Course continues this week as we reflect on the question 'Who is Jesus'. Come and join us as we explore the big questions of life and faith. For more information contact Sweetline or Vinny

Sunday 21st September

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series 'Creation Care' and how God calls us to care and look after our broken world.





St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours 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

visit our website
www.st-bede.org.uk or scan the QR code below



ST BEDE REORDERING PROJECT GIFT DAY UPDATE

Last week, we launched our Reordering Project Fund with a special gift day in church, as we look to expand our community room and improve our facilities to make our church building more welcoming and accessible.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far by donating towards the Reordering Project. The total raised so far (at the time of writing this) is an amazing **£1275!** Thank you for your support.

We are aware that some people weren't around on Sunday; so if you want to make a donation to the Reordering Project then you can still do so by putting your gift in the special reordering project envelopes or by getting in touch with our treasurer, Simon Brooks.

If you have any further questions about the reordering project then please do speak to Vinny or the Wardens.

CHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING EVENING

Tuesday 7th October

If your child is in Year 6 this year and you are applying for a church secondary school (St James or Canon Slade) and you need your supplementary church form signing; then Vinny will be holding an evening where he will sign your forms on **Tuesday 7th October** at St Bede Church.

Please contact Vinny to book a 10 minute appointment. Appointments are available from 7.30pm onwards.

SONGS OF PRAISE!

The Ministry Team are currently in the process of arranging a Evangelistic weekend in October 2025 and as part of that event, we will be holding a *Songs of Praise* morning in Church on the Saturday morning followed by a BBQ! The whole Morris Green Community will be invited. So, if you want your favourite hymn or worship song played, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter

St Bede Ministry Team

ST BEDE HARVEST FESTIVAL + PAT'S RETIREMENT SERVICE

Sunday 5th October

Do join us for our special Harvest Festival service this year! We are delighted that staff and pupils from St Bede Academy will be attending and the pupils will be singing for us.

Our harvest gifts this year will as always be donated to Urban Outreach for their various food projects. In particular, Urban Outreach would be very grateful for any of the following harvest gifts:

Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Rice Pudding, Tinned Meat Meals, UHT Milk

This year's Harvest Service is particularly special as our reader Pat Bristow will be preaching her final sermon at St Bede after 37 years of reader ministry at St Bede before she hangs up her reader robes! There will be a special bring and share lunch following the service as we give thanks for Pat's ministry.

REMINDER!

Vinny has been invited to be an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral in recognition of his wider work within the Diocese.

Vinny will be installed at a special service in Manchester Cathedral on **Sunday 5th October** at Evensong at 5.30pm.

Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for anyone bereaved anytime

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

**Tuesday 23rd
September,
7pm at St Andrews
Church.**

To book your place contact the
course leader:
Eileen Brockbank
07791 462839
e-mail: eileen.brockbank@btinternet.com

explore
life
faith
meaning

Alpha

**Want to know more about
the Christian faith?
Join our new Alpha Course!**

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore
the Christian faith in an informal way.

Each session lasts 1 hour
and includes a short film,
and time to chat and discuss the film
over coffee and homemade cakes.

We have a new Alpha Course starting on
Wednesday 17th September, 7.15pm - 8.15pm
at St Bede Church! For more information
or to book your place contact Sweetline or Vinny



CreateBoltonPresents...

FRIDAY
7th
NOVEMBER

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Performing a variety of show tunes, swing, marches and much much more...

CC Concert Band + Midweek Sax

Fundraiser

£10

£5 for
over 65
& under
18

Concert Starts: 7.30pm

St Peters Church, 419 Church Rd,
Bolton BL1 5RH

For Tickets contact Cafe Create, Andrew K,
Chandran, Church Office or by on
www.createbolton.org.uk (Events)

www.createbolton.org.uk | createbolton@gmail.com



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.

New for September
2025: WOW also includes
a older youth group for
those in Year 7-9 at
secondary school

We meet every Wednesday
(term-time) 6.15pm-7pm St Bede Church
Community Room





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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