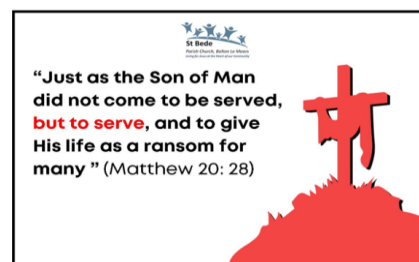


12th October 2025



Editorial

17th Sunday after Trinity

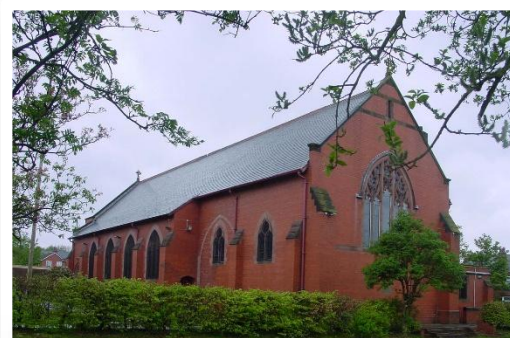
Reading: Genesis 11 v27-12 v 9

I hope by the time you are reading today's Newsletter you will have been able to enjoy the first part of this special Missional weekend at St. Bede, as you will already know Friday's service was cancelled unfortunately ("the best laid plans and all that") but it was a great loss to miss the children's singing but a fully understandable situation which could not be avoided. Saturdays Songs of Praise did take place and I hope you were able to enjoy the service and heard your favourite hymn or song and enjoyed the lunch! My thanks to all the ladies who helped with the lunch. Thanks also to those who volunteered to read lessons at the service.

Sundays reading from Genesis 11 v 27 – 12 v 9 is all about God's Plan which thankfully for us was able to come to fruition all those years ago. It sets out the plan that God had for Terah's family including Abram, the move from Ur to Haran, and God's initial call to Abram to leave Haran for Canaan. God commanded him to only take his wife and his nephew Lot to the land of Canaan. This journey was only completed after the death of Terah Abram's father. In the passage it tells us about Abram's journey, moving from his father's household toward Canaan in obedience to God's command and God's promises to make him a great nation and bless all the families on Earth through him.

Today's passage is all about the beginning of God's Plan for Abram who became Abraham, again all part of God's plan. It has been said many times that God has a plan for each one of us

Gill Blackburn – ALM & Church Warden



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 12th October

10am Light Up Event: Healing and Wellness Service

Join us for a special service centred on restoration, renewal, relaxation and connection including a children's puppet show as we celebrate our Light Up Weekend.

Wednesday 15th October

6.15pm WOW

Join us for our all-age worship as we continue to explore God's Character by reflecting on how God is our Father Our Youth Group Beyond WOW for those in Year 7 upwards also meets tonight.

7.15pm Alpha

Our Alpha Course continues tonight as we explore the question 'Why and How do I pray?'

Sunday 19th October

10am Holy Communion

Join us as we continue our new sermon series exploring the life and faith of Abraham.

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



St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



COLLECT

Gracious God, you call us to
fullness of life: deliver us from
unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of 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



October –Unwanted new gifts/Bottles

November – Cuddly Toys

We also urgently need donations of the
following;

- Chocolate and sweets
- Gift bags
- Food for a Christmas Hamper

ST BEDE INCOME AND ATTENDANCE SURVEY

Each year during October, we are
required by our Diocese to ask all our
regular members of St Bede to fill in an
anonymous Income Survey. This is used
to calculate how much parish share we
should pay to our Diocese as part of our
ongoing ministry costs.

Income Survey forms are now available
at the back of church. If you are a regular
member, then please fill in a form and
place it in the box also located at the
back of church.

Each week we will also be conducting an
attendance survey of regular
worshippers which is also used to
calculate our parish share.

Thank you for your support in helping us
with these surveys.

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Tickets are now available for our next
event – Tropics Night with cheese &
wine.

We will also have a Christmas 🌲 flower
arrangement demonstration

Tickets will be limited, so get them while
you can!



THANK YOU PAT!

Last Sunday we had a wonderful service as Pat
our Reader Emeritus shared her final sermon
with us before hanging up her reader robes.
Thank you Pat for all you have done and thank
you to everyone who came and supported Pat
and contributed to an amazing celebration
buffet afterwards!



A MESSAGE FROM PAT

Thank you everyone for making my retirement
day so special. The cards flowers and good
wishes are much appreciated. Thanks also for
the lovely lunch it was delicious.

It has been a privilege to minister at St Bede
and I look forward to sharing new adventures
in the future God bless you all

Pat Bristow

A MESSAGE FROM VINNY

Thank you so much for all your support, kind
words, cards and gifts as I was installed as an
Honorary Canon at Manchester Cathedral. It
was a special occasion and it was lovely to have
some friendly faces from St Bede join me at the
Cathedral in the evening. You are a wonderful
church family!





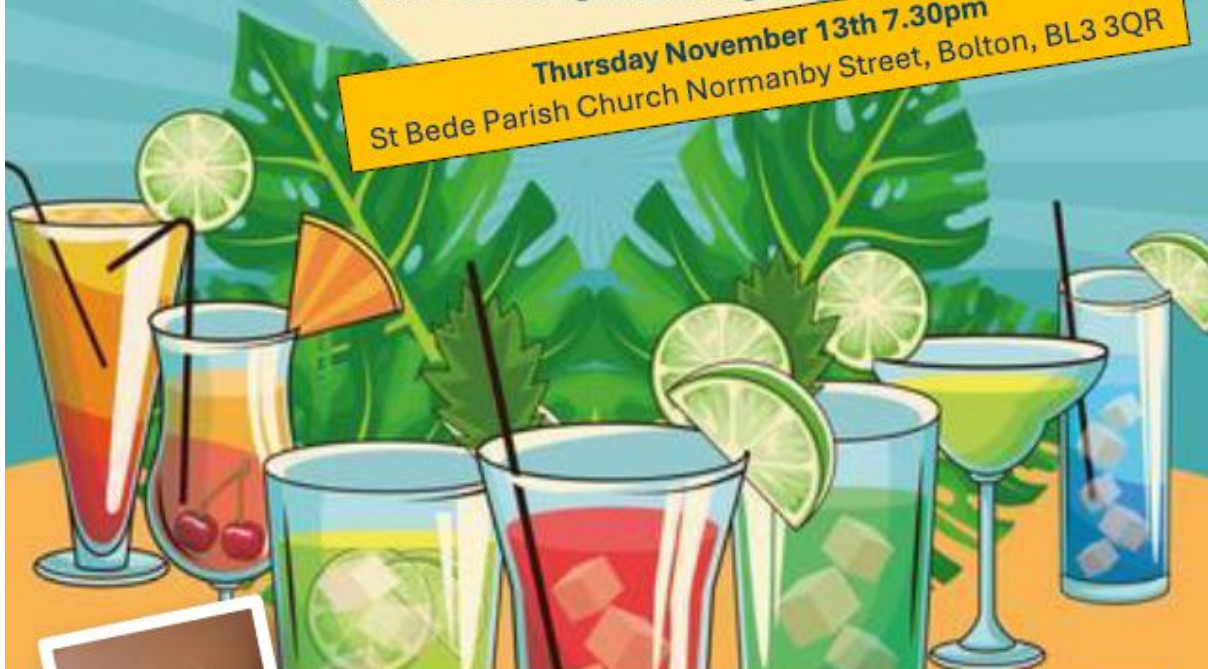
Tropics Evening

With Cheese & Wine

A selection of cheeses and biscuits available along with Red & White wines and soft drinks.

Tickets priced at £6.00 and are available from Jean in Church or email fundraising@st-bede.org.uk

Thursday November 13th 7.30pm
St Bede Parish Church Normanby Street, Bolton, BL3 3QR



We will also have a demonstration for an Christmas Flower Arrangement to be raffled on the night





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



PAUSE

(SAFE SPACE & SUPPORT GROUP)

OPEN EVENT

4th NOVEMBER

7.00 PM

THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM,
ST BEDES CHURCH
BOLTON BL3 3QX

All welcome

Refreshments Provided

pausebolton@gmail.com

Come along for some cake,
chat and support. Look
forward to meeting you.

Events in 25/26

Peer Support Group

1:1 Soundboard

Mindfulness

Wellness Journaling



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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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