

23rd November 2025



Editorial

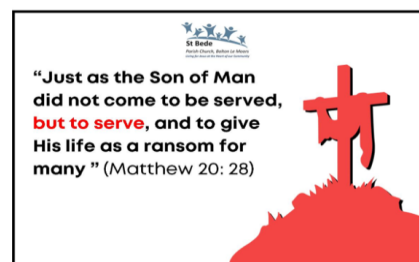
CHRIST THE KING

Reading: John 9 v 1-25

Abraham's faith was tested when God asked him to sacrifice his cherished, long-awaited son, Isaac. Abraham obeys and trusts God. He does this even without knowing the outcome. Because of his blind faith, God shows mercy by providing a ram as a last-minute replacement. This story shows that real faith requires obedience, surrender, and trust. These qualities are needed, even when the journey seems unclear. Abraham's story invites us to put God at the centre of our choices and in our lives, and to trust in His provision for our modern lives. We frequently encounter circumstances that put our values, relationships, and priorities to the test. We are encouraged, as Abraham was, to respond with faith rather than fear, because we know that God looks beyond our difficulties and meets our needs. The verse serves as a reminder that acts of trust and obedience are frequently followed by God's blessings.

When God leads us into the unknown, how can we walk out in faith in our own lives?

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	Ken K
Belinda K	Re-Ordering Project
Phil & Sue B	WoW & Beyond WoW
Norma M	Pause Café
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 23rd November

10am All-Age Service

Join us for our all-age service on this Christ the King Sunday as we reflect on the power of King Jesus to heal us today.

Wednesday 26th November

6pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Our WOW services continue this week as we continue our series looking at the character of God. Our theme this week is 'God is Creator'. Our youth group **Beyond WOW** also meets tonight at the same time for those in Year 7+

Sunday 30th November (Advent Sunday)

10am Morning Service

Join us as we begin the season of Advent with our Advent Service as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this morning.

Maggie and Marion want to bless us as a church family and will be providing a 'Jacob's Table' for after our Advent Service

6pm Mission Community Advent Taize Service

Join with others from across our Mission Community for a special Advent Taize Service at St James' Daisy Hill as we worship together this Advent.





St Bede Charity Partner 2025.



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

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



CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS CAMPAIGN 2026

This year we are going custard crazy
for Christmas Dinner on Jesus as we
have pledged to collect 1600 cartons
of custard for Urban Outreach's
Christmas Dinner on Jesus
Campaign.

The cartons **MUST** be 500g in
size! Please support us by buying in
your custard now and bringing it to
church.

We are pleased to announce that as
of last week across our 2 churches
we have now collected **852** cartons
of custard Thank you for your
support.

Finally as a church we are able to
nominate a small number of people
to receive a Christmas Dinner on
Jesus Hamper If you know of anyone
who is struggling or had a tough year
and you think would appreciate a
Christmas Dinner on Jesus please
speak to Vinny.

COFFEE ROTA 2026

We are looking for volunteers to join
our coffee rota for next year.

This involves providing teas and
coffees in the community room
following the Sunday morning
service, setting up prior to the
service and tidying up afterwards.

Currently it is a once every six weeks
commitment but more volunteers on
the rota would make it less
onerous. If you feel you can help in
anyway then please speak to Elaine
Almond.



LUNCHEON CLUB UPDATE

Our **Christmas Luncheon Club**, will be held
on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The cost is
£12, which includes a traditional Christmas
dinner, your choice of trifle or Christmas
pudding, mince pies, and a glass of wine.

Please speak to Elaine for more
information or to reserve your place.

Elaine Almond

07904 928614

MISSION COMMUNITY ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE



Join with people from across our
Mission Community for a special Taize
style service to begin the season of
Advent.

'Light in the Darkness' is on **Sunday
30th November**, 6pm at St James'
Church, Daisy Hill.

Other News

JUDE MAKES THE PRESS

Jude Durkin has one dream in life – to get everyone gardening.

This laudable aim does not come from a householder with manicured lush acres around her home but from a green-fingered fan in a terraced house who has utilised every spare inch with pots, planters and raised beds.

“Everyone can grow something,” she insists. “Whether it’s garlic in a pot or lettuce in a bucket. It’s not about having a big garden it’s just about growing things.”

In 2023, Jude set up Rooted in [Bolton](#), a CIC (Community Interest Company) to promote gardening for all.

Its mission is “to help the people of our town to discover the pure joy of growing their own food, plants and flowers to help support themselves and our environment.”

Jude says they are “dedicated to creating a community where sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity thrive, allowing everyone to reap the rewards of growing even a small amount of their own food.”

Rooted in Bolton provides seeds, plants, advice and practical help to create vegetable plots, flowerbeds, planters and hanging baskets.

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As a result, she has been working with Christian charity [Urban Outreach](#), with The Genesis Project – which aids ex-homeless people - to build an interactive garden providing a tranquil area for relaxation and [outdoor](#) activities.

Bolton Food Hub is another recipient of Jude’s practical advice, providing seeds, compost growing instructions and ongoing support to service users so they can enjoy the experience of growing some of their own food.

The CIC is also involved with a community garden with Deane and Derby Cricket Club and in-school work with Lever Edge Primary School. A grant from Bolton CVS is supporting its work.

Jude was born and grew up in Bolton and her own love of gardening goes back to her Auntie Meg from Edinburgh who, when Jude was five, gave her a baby cactus.



Jude Durkin from Rooted in Bolton who is helping local people to enjoy gardening and its results (Image: Supplied)



 DECK THE HALLS... AND THE NEWSLETTER!

As St Bede tradition goes, we're swapping Christmas cards for something even better – your festive messages in our newsletter!

Instead of spending on cards, why not sprinkle that cheer as a donation? It's the season of giving, after all!

Simply fill in the form and get it to **Tony Whitehead** by **Wednesday 17th December** – so your message can shine bright in the newsletter on **Sunday 21st December**.

Let's make this Christmas less about envelopes and more about smiles! 





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

From	
Your message	
Donation made	Cash/Sum Up (please delete as applicable)

Please get this message to Tony before Wednesday 17th
December to be in the newsletter for Sunday 21st December
tony@st-bede.org.uk



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





Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2025

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign for 2025!

This year we are going custard crazy as we have committed to collect **1,600 500g Cartons of Custard** for Christmas Dinner on Jesus by Sunday 30th 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.





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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