

29th March 2026



Editorial

Palm Sunday

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When we think about Palm Sunday, we remember how Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In today's reading, Matthew emphasises Jesus's entry as a King. The crowds of people were praising and exalting Jesus. They had hopes and expectations. Perhaps the thoughts on their minds were questioning what Jesus would do to change things in Jerusalem. They were living in a land of oppression, yet here came Jesus, a Jewish man who was confident to break the rules and preach openly to the people. Matthew tells us that 'a very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.' Crowds of people went ahead of Him and crowds also followed him, shouting, "Hosanna" – a Hebrew expression meaning "Save!" which became an exclamation of praise. These jubilant crowds were celebrating the arrival of Jesus. Where we are in this crowd celebrating the arrival of Jesus? Just like those people, we too are in need of hope within our lives. They expected something of Jesus, just as we also do. However, because we believe in the reality of God, and the mystery of Jesus' resurrection, we can expect great things of God, who has already done the greatest thing for us through the death and resurrection of his Son, for the forgiveness of our sins.

So, as we take our palm cross today, let us approach Holy Week and Easter with the assurance that Jesus is our King. Let us wave our Palms and follow Jesus with the same expectant hope.

Carol Hardman – Authorise Lay Minister



Please Pray for...

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| Minti R | Emma H |
| David V and family | 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 | Pauline G & family |
| Anne H | David P |
| Ross | Tania |
| Belinda K | Irene S |
| Phil & Sue B | Donna |
| Norma M | Re-Ordering Project |
| Freda | WoW & Beyond WoW |
| Samantha W | Pause Café |
| Anna B | |

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

10am Morning Service

Worship with us as we begin Holy Week with our special Palm Sunday service as we proclaim Jesus as our King. Our children's ministry group, Church Rocks, meets again this week.

Monday 30th March

7pm Journey to the Cross: Holy Week Reflection

Join us for a special Holy Week reflection in church as we take time to ponder and pray as we prepare for Easter.

Tuesday 24th March

7.30pm The Bible Course Lent Course (at St Andrews)

Our Joint Lent Course continues this evening as we move into the New Testament and focus on Jesus: The Story of Rescue.

Wednesday 1st April

9.15am, 11am 2pm St Bede Academy Year 1 + 2 Easter Service, Year 3 + 4 Easter Service, Year 5 + 6 Easter Service

Taking place in Church

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

Our monthly Luncheon Club returns this week Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and an opportunity to meet old and new friends alike. To book your place contact Elaine Almond

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday)

7pm Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion (at St Andrews)

Join us for our shared Maundy Thursday meal with our friends from St Andrews followed by an informal communion service. If you haven't already booked your place, please contact Kath Carrodus.

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

10am Reflective All-Age Good Friday Service

Join us as we gather around the cross to marvel once again at what Jesus has done for us. Hot Cross Buns will be served after the service

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

10am Easter Sunday Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate that Jesus is Risen as we join together for our all-age Easter Celebration Service. Don't forget to also join us after the service for our annual tradition of an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds.



St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of 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



MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND INFORMAL COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday 2nd April 7pm

This year we are continuing our tradition of gathering for a joint Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service with our friends from St Andrews at 7pm.

The supper includes a 2 course meal consisting of meat + potato pie or vegetarian option and then a selection of desserts. Tickets are £5. To book your place please write your name on the sign up sheet at the back of church and Kathleen Carrodus is collecting money beforehand.

Please do join us for what is always a very special occasion.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

For those members of our congregation who are not already on the electoral roll (the membership list of our church) the roll will be revised from the **15th March**.

If you have been attending St Bedes for over 6 months and would like to join the electoral roll then application forms are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be passed to Elaine Almond by **Sunday 29th March**.

You must be on the electoral roll in order to vote at our forthcoming APCM which is being held on **Sunday 26th April** as part of our morning service.

If you have any queries then please do speak to Elaine.

EASTER AT ST BEDE

We are delighted to announce our Easter services coming up at St Bede.

Please do join us at this special time as we pause to wonder and give thanks for what Jesus has done for us.

Do feel free to invite family and friends to join us for any of our Easter Services too.



This Easter, Urban Outreach will be supporting Bolton Council's HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) projects by providing sandwiches for children attending activities across the borough.

To help make this happen, they're putting out a call for sandwich makers. They're looking for volunteers who would be willing to give around half an hour in the morning to help prepare sandwiches.

Dates: Tuesday 7th April – Friday 17th April

Time: Starting at 7:00am each morning

You're very welcome to volunteer for just one morning, a few mornings, or even every day if you'd like. The early start makes it ideal for early risers or anyone who would like to volunteer on their way to work.

Mornings can be busy, so please be assured that this is simply half an hour helping with sandwich making – there won't be any other tasks to do, meaning you can come along, help out, and then head off to start your day.

Your help will ensure that children and young people taking part in the HAF activities receive a good, fresh lunch each day.

If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch with the Urban Outreach team to let them know which mornings you might be available.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Urban Outreach and the families we serve across Bolton.

Celebrate Easter at St Bede Church



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7pm Journey to the Cross: Holy Week Reflection

Take time out and join us for a time of contemplation and prayer as we prepare for Easter

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

7pm Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion

Join us for our shared Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion Service at St Andrews Church, Over Hulton. Please book your place by Palm Sunday

Good Friday - 3rd April

10am Reflective All-Age Good Friday Service

Join us as we remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. Hot Cross Buns will be served after the service.

Easter Sunday - 5th April

10am Easter Sunday Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt

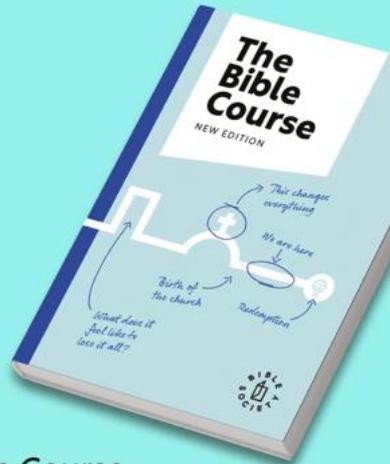
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The Bible Course
NEW EDITION

Want to feel more connected to God's word?

Join *The Bible Course* New Edition

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Lent Course 2026



We are delighted to be running the Bible Course as our joint Lent Course for 2026. Join us every Tuesday during Lent as we reflect on the big picture of God's Word through short films and discussion

Our Lent Course begins on Tuesday 24th February,, 7.30pm at St Andrews Church

An Evening of Theatre
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18th April 2026 at 7:30_{pm}

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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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