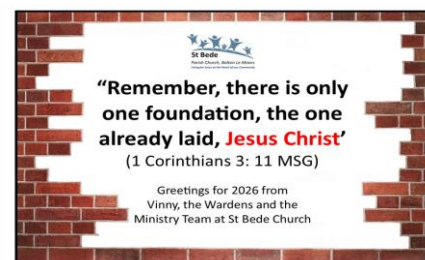


12th July 2026



Editorial

6th Sunday after Trinity

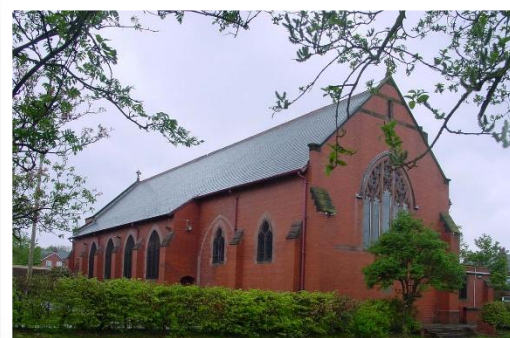
Reading: Romans 12 v 1-8

In Romans 12:1–8, Paul urges Christians to respond to God's mercy by offering themselves as "living sacrifices." Unlike the sacrifices of the Old Testament, this is a daily act of worship—choosing to place God at the centre of our lives, our decisions, and our relationships. Paul challenges us not to be shaped by the values of the world but to be transformed through the renewing of our minds, allowing God to change us from the inside out.

This transformation affects how we see ourselves and others. Paul reminds us to avoid both pride and self-doubt, recognising that every gift we possess comes from God. The Church is like a body, with each person playing a unique and valuable role. A modern example can be seen in the many volunteers who quietly support local foodbanks, community projects, and churches, especially here at St Bede. Their work may never make headlines, but through acts of service, encouragement, leadership, and generosity, they reflect Christ's love in practical ways. They use the gifts God has given them for the benefit of others.

As we begin a new week, Romans 12 invites us to ask: How can I use my God-given gifts today? Transformation is not simply about becoming better people; it is about becoming faithful servants of Christ and His Kingdom.

**Tony Whitehead - Licensed Lay Minister
(Reader)**



Please Pray for...

Minti R	Emma H
Lynne 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	Peter C
Freda	Sophie W
Samantha W	Re-Ordering Project
Ben B	WoW & Beyond WoW
Ethan's family	Pause Café
Tony	
Julie H Family	

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 12th July

10am Morning Service

Worship with us as we continue our series 'What God Knows About Us'. This week we are exploring how we are gifted in God's eyes. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week for the final time before the summer break.

Wednesday 15th July

6.15pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Join us for our special WOW summer celebration this week before WOW takes a break over the summer. We'll also be joined by our young people and leaders from Beyond WOW too.

Thursday 16th July

9am St Bede Year 6 Leavers Service in Church

Please pray for our Year 6 children at St Bede Academy and their families as they hold their Leavers Service in church on their final day in school.

Sunday 19th July

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age Family Communion Service as we conclude our series 'What God Knows About Us' by reflecting on the authority God has given us. We are delighted to have with us this Sunday our guest preacher, Rev'd Julia Davies.





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your image: may we discern you
in all that we see, and serve you
in all that we do; through Jesus
Christ our Lord

Our Church depends very
heavily on fundraising as well
as regular giving to keep our
Church afloat.

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11 CHRISTIAN PLAYERS TO WATCH AT THE WORLD CUP

The 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup is upon us. Featuring 48 teams and 104 matches, fans will be hoping the bigger-than-ever-before tournament will bring excitement, drama, and dreams of their team lifting the trophy.

Here are the last six;

Felix Nmecha - Germany

"Football is my passion, Jesus is my foundation", reads the 25 year old midfielder's Instagram bio. Nmecha has previously spoken about how stepping onto the pitch is about glorifying God. His transfer to Borussia Dortmund caused controversy three years ago, after some fans argued he should not be signed because of his traditional views on gender and sexuality.

Noah Sadiki - DR Congo

"Jesus is my Lord and saviour", Sadiki declared in an Easter message for *Ballers in God*. He has brought energy and tight dribbling to the DRC midfield since being called up two years ago; helping the country qualify for its first World Cup since 1974, when it was known as Zaire. The Sunderland player holds Romans 8:31 as a verse close to the heart: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Luka Modric - Croatia

At his fifth World Cup, the devout Catholic is set to surpass 200 international caps during the tournament. He wears shinpads depicting Jesus and the Virgin Mary, as well as his family, while his manager Zlatko Dalic carries a rosary on the touchline. The 40 year old midfield maestro will hope to impress on what could be his farewell on the global stage.

Cody Gakpo - Netherlands

Leader of the Dutch team Bible study group, the 27 year old is likely to start up front at his second World Cup. He scored goals in every group stage game last tournament, and was the joint winner of the Golden Boot in the 2024 Euros. Playing club football for Liverpool, he revealed an undershirt emblazoned with "I Belong to Jesus" after scoring a decisive goal in the title race in 2025, a shirt first popularised by Brazilian legend Kaka.

Aimar Sher - Iraq

While making up less than 1% of the population, Assyrian Christians make up around a fifth of Iraq's squad. Sher was in the starting lineup as the nation qualified for its first World Cup since 1986. On social media, the 23 year-old midfielder has also posted pictures of him wearing the iconic "I Belong to Jesus" shirt.

Antoine Semenyo - Ghana

Having been baptised on Bournemouth Beach last year, videos of the forward praying with his pastor on the touchlines while playing on the south coast went viral. He reads Philippians 4:13 before games, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", even having the verse tattooed on his arm as a reminder of faith and to pray for him and the team. Having moved to Manchester City in January, the 26 year old will make his second World Cup appearance for the Black Stars on the wing.

SUNDAY READERS ROTA

Would you like the opportunity to do the Bible Reading at the front of church at our 10am Sunday service?

Sadly Anne Horrocks, who has done the Readers rota for many years, is stepping back from the role and therefore we are reviewing the readers rota for our Sunday worship.

If you would like to be added to the list; then please speak to Vinny.



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**





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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