

2nd August 2026



Editorial

9th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Luke 5 v 17-26

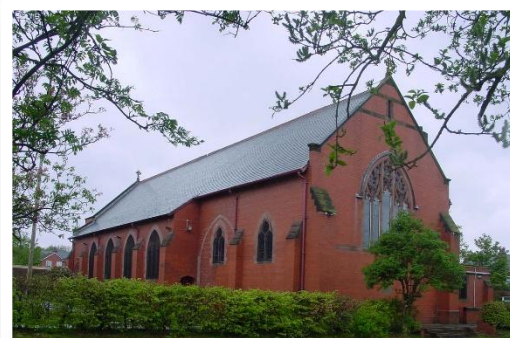
As we continue our *"It's a Miracle"* summer series, we encounter one of the most powerful and moving stories in Luke's Gospel. A paralysed man is brought to Jesus by four determined friends who refuse to let obstacles stand in their way. Unable to reach Jesus through the crowded doorway, they climb onto the roof and lower their friend down before him. Their faith, persistence and love become a testimony to the lengths we should go to bring others into the presence of Christ.

Yet the greatest miracle in this story is not the man's physical healing. Before Jesus tells him to rise and walk, he declares, *"Your sins are forgiven."* Jesus addresses the deeper need first, revealing that he has authority not only over sickness but also over sin. He offers healing that reaches beyond the body and touches the heart and soul.

This remains good news for us today. Jesus is still in the business of restoration. He brings healing to broken hearts, troubled minds, strained relationships and weary spirits. Whatever burdens we carry, we are invited to bring them before him in faith.

As we reflect on this miracle, let us ask ourselves: are we truly open to Jesus' healing power in our lives today? And who might God be calling us to bring closer to him through our prayers, encouragement and friendship?

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 2nd August

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age service as we continue our series 'It's A Miracle'. This week we explore how Jesus had the power to heal a paralysed man.

Tuesday 4th August

7pm PAUSE Cafe

Our monthly PAUSE Cafe meets again this week. PAUSE Cafe is open to anyone, particularly if you are struggling and looking for a safe place to come and talk.

Wednesday 5th August

12.30pm St Bede Luncheon Club

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

Thursday 6th August

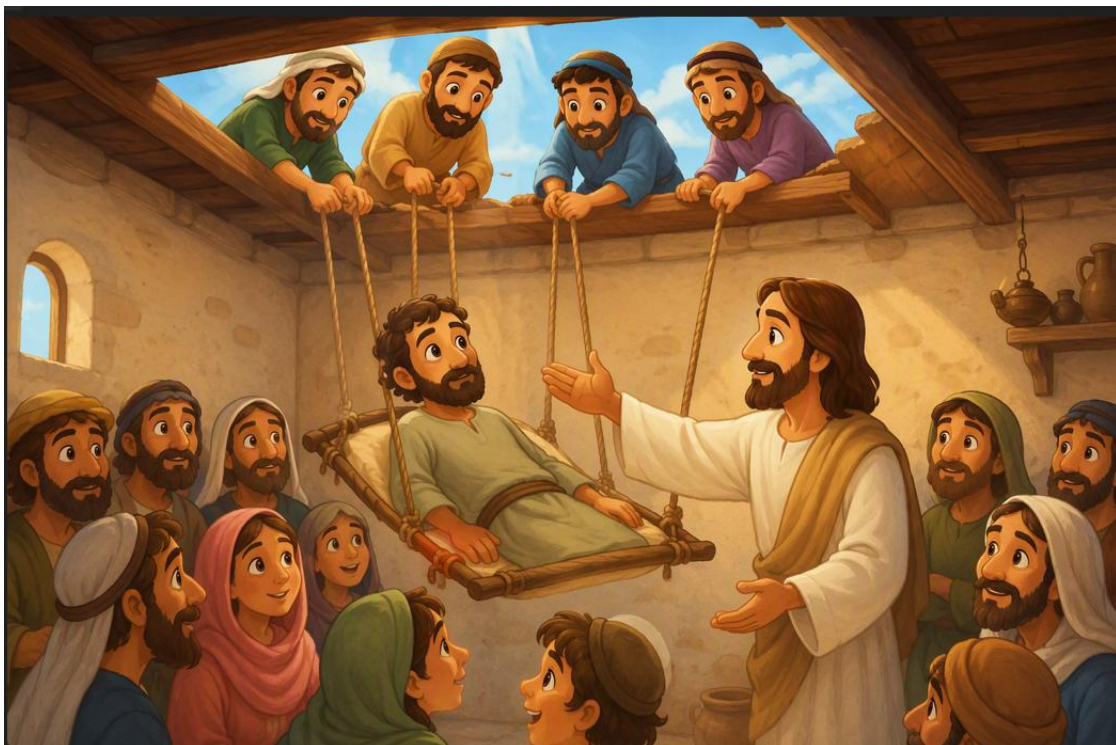
7pm Prayer at 7

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting in the Community Room. Come and spend 30 minutes as we pray for our church, our world and ourselves.

Sunday 9th August

10am Family Communion

Join us for our all-age Family Communion Service as we continue our summer sermon series 'It's a Miracle'. This week we explore Jesus' power to Walk on Water.





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St Bede Charity Partner 2026.



COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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

Or visit our website www.st-bede.org.uk



KICK OFF SUMMER FUN

WOW and our regular children's ministry groups are taking a break over the summer, however the Diocesan Places Project Team are hosting a 'Kick Off Summer Fun' activity afternoon aimed at families on **Wednesday 12th August, 1pm-2:30pm** here at St Bede. Please put the date in your diary and spread the word to your friends and neighbours.

It's time for a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** and you're invited

Christine Millington is once again holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on **9th September 2026** between 11am and 8pm.

Please come along to 36 Hollins, Plodder Lane, BL4 0LF

SUNDAY READERS ROTA

A notice for all those who do Bible Readings at St Bede Church. From now on, we will produce a 3 monthly Reader Rota, with the August – October rota being available this Sunday from the back of church.

If you do readings in church, please do take a rota and if you can't make the service you've been allocated then please swap with someone else. If you have any further questions contact Vinny.

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next event is the very successful Pudding Night which was debued last year!

Tickets will be available from next week and the details are on the next page.

Tickets are limited, so get yours whilst you can! Let your friends And neighbours know!

FUNERAL OF ALAN SMITH

Last week we announced the sad news that Alan Smith, a much loved former member of our church family, and who also came to our Luncheon Club until recently, has died. Alan's funeral is taking place on **Friday 7th August, 2pm** at Overdale Crematorium.

ST BEDE PARISH CHURCH

invites you to

PUDDING NIGHT

Friday 18 September 2026

7pm start - Community Room

A delicious evening of desserts, music and fellowship

Tickets

£8 per person

Includes

4 pudding tasters

+ refreshments

Sweet treats, tea, coffee and great company

Bring friends, family, neighbours and anyone with a sweet tooth!



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bolton Singing Group

Show tunes plus classic 60s and 70s favourites

Also featuring a special performance from

our very own Sophie

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Available from Church

or by messaging us on our Facebook page

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Sweet treats - show tunes - singalong favourites



Pause...

A LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Need to talk about something, feeling alone
or down? Come along and chat with others
looking for some support or company.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7PM - 8.30PM

ST BEDE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM
MORRIS GREEN BL3 3QR

for more information please contact
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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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