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

NEWSLETTER

1st November 2026





Editorial

All Saints Day

Reading: 1 Corinthians 7 v 25-35

When we talk about relationships in church, it can be easy to focus on marriage and family life. Yet in 1 Corinthians 7:25–35, Paul reminds us that there are many ways to live a full, faithful and God-centred life. Singleness is not a waiting room before "real life" begins. Nor is it something that needs fixing. Paul invites us to see it differently: as a life with its own possibilities, freedoms and opportunities to serve God and others.

That challenges the assumptions we sometimes make. Questions like, *"When are you going to settle down?"* may be well meant, but they can suggest that someone's life is somehow incomplete.

The Christian story tells us something much more hopeful. Our deepest identity is not found in our relationship status, but in Christ. Whether single, married, widowed, divorced or somewhere in between, each of us is known, loved and called by God.

Perhaps Paul's challenge is therefore to stop measuring our lives against somebody else's. Instead, we can learn to recognise the grace already present in our own.

The question is not, *"What is my life missing?"* but "How can I use the life God has given me to love, serve and flourish?"

Tony Whitehead - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)





Please Pray for...

Minti R
Lynne and family
Anne & family
Barbara S
Brenda & Ken
Betty
Lee A
Stuart & family
Jackie
Isaac
Jodie
Anne H
Ross
Belinda K
Phil & Sue B
Norma M
Freda
Samantha W
Ben B
Ethan's family
Tony C
Julie H Family
Ina
Emma H
Chloe
Rachael B
John H & Debs
Sue S
Vinny H
Bishop David †
Michael F
Joanne
Pauline G & family
David P
Tania
Irene S
Donna
Peter C
Ethan's Family
Lydia W
Anne-Marie T
Re-Ordering Project
WoW & Beyond WoW
Pause Café

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



This week at St Bede

Sunday 1st November

10am All-Age Service

Worship with us as we continue to reflect on our relationships and what the Bible teaches us about our relationships. This week we are exploring God's perspective on singleness.

Tuesday 3rd November

7pm PAUSE Cafe

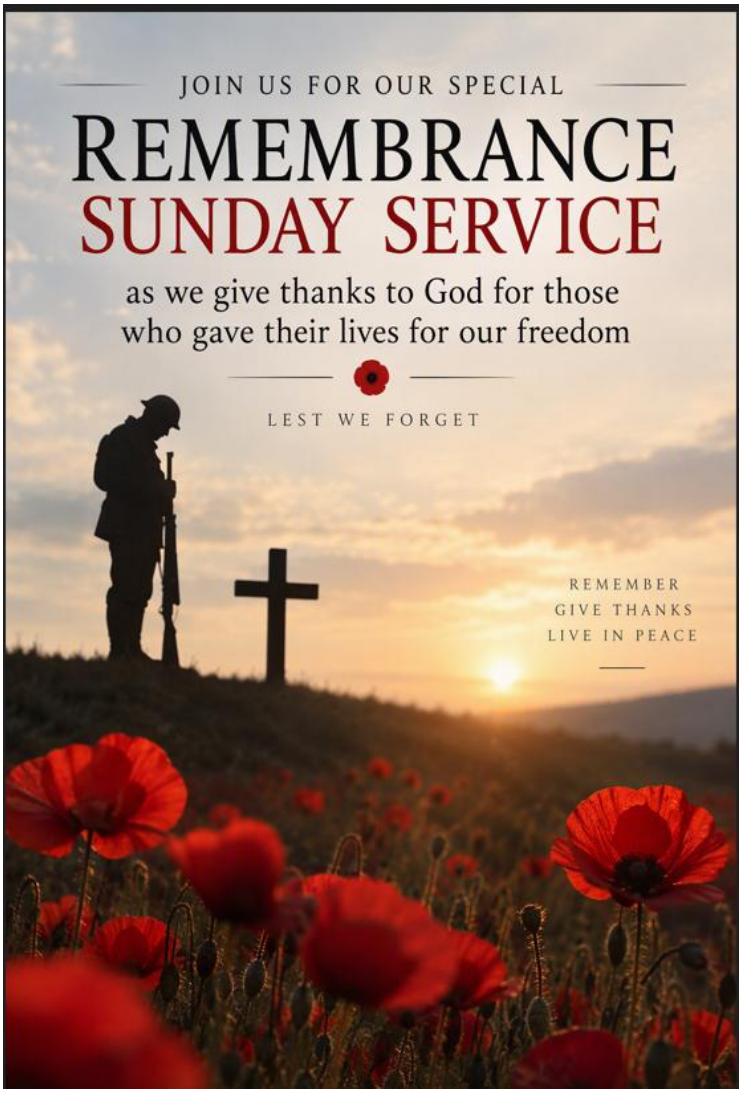
Our monthly PAUSE Cafe returns this week. PAUSE Cafe is a support group for people who are struggling and want a safe place to come and talk. Anyone is welcome - just come along and pop in.

***** Note there is no WOW this week due to half term holidays *****

Sunday 8th November

10am Remembrance Sunday Service

Join us for our special Remembrance Sunday Service as we give thanks to God for those who gave their lives for our freedom. Our children's ministry group 'Church Rocks' meets this week.





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Diocese of Manchester

St Bede Charity Partner 2026.

Bolton Hospice
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COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; 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



See the next page for details of this year's CDOJ Campaign.

Mint Matchmakers are currently selling at £1.65 with your Morrisons More Card!! Get them whiloe you can!



CHRISTMAS FAIR HELPERS NEEDED! 🎄

Free on 21st November? We'd love your help! Please speak to Gill Blackburn. Whether you can give an hour or a little longer, there's always something to do and every helping hand makes a difference!

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

As it is half term, our WOW service is taking a break for the next 2 weeks.

Our WOW service and Beyond WOW group will return again on Wednesday 11th November.

TROPIC NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Tropic Night, enjoying plenty of cheese, wine and great company!

Through ticket sales and generously donated sales commission, the evening raised an amazing £380.

Special thanks also go to Jill Brooks for creating the stunning autumn flower display which was raffled on the night.

Thank you to everyone who came along, placed an order, bought a raffle ticket or helped make the evening possible. What a brilliant result!





Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign 2026

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Dinner on Jesus Campaign for 2026!

Our challenge this year is to collect **1,200 Boxes of Chocolate Mints** (After 8 or similar) for Christmas Dinner on Jesus by **Sunday 29th 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.

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URBAN OUTREACH BOLTON

ST ANDREWS CHURCH OVER HULTON
GROWING IN CHRIST, ROOTED IN LOVE
EMPOWERED TO SERVE


COME AND JOIN THE
CHRISTMAS FUN!
All Welcome!
St Bede Parish Church warmly invites you to our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 21st November
St Bede CofE Primary Academy
10am – 1pm
Come along. and get into the festive spirit with a wonderful morning of Christmas fun for all the family!
LOTS OF FANTASTIC STALLS
FESTIVE CAFÉ AND TASTY TREATS
SWEETS AND GOODIES
GAMES AND CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES!
PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER
PLUS... A VISIT TO SANTA'S GROTTO!
Ho Ho Ho!
Free entry into grand draw
ENTRY JUST £1
CHILDREN GO FREE!
Bring your family, bring your friends and come and enjoy a little taste of Christmas at St Bede!
We'd love to see you there!

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LUNCHEON CLUB

DATES FOR 2026

OCT 7TH 2026

NOV 4TH 2026

DEC 2ND 2026

Join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 12pm in St Bedes Church Community Room for a 2 course meal

£6.50

EVERYONE WELCOME

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

GOOD FOOD GREAT COMPANY

For further information or to book a meal 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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