



Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

3rd Sunday of Advent. Year A.
11th December 2022

Poinsettias at Christmas

At St Chad's and at St. Bede's we will be decorating our churches for Christmas with Poinsettias. If anyone would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please make a donation of £6 towards the cost. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you sometime in the New Year. Place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or post it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal. Chorley Buddies are collecting new presents for children in our area who might not receive a gift this Christmas. You can leave any donations at the back of church or hand them in to either presbytery. The gifts will be distributed in the days before Christmas by Chorley Council. Your donation should be handed in by **Monday, 12th December** to allow time for them to be collected, sorted and wrapped.

Can our Special Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and stewards please let us know at which Masses over the Christmas period you are able to help. Please sign up on the sheets in the church porch. Thank you.

Christmas Quiz, fun for all the family, with a chance to win £10.
Quiz sheets, on sale £1, at the back of St. Chad's church.

Christmas Raffle.

Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale after all Masses to raise money to support your parish. The draw will be made next weekend so that the winners will receive their prizes in time for Christmas.

Tickets cost £1.

***A big thank you to everyone who donated the prizes for our raffle.
Several lucky winners will receive a box of Christmas treats.***

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land and Wymott and Garth Prisons should be handed in this weekend at Church or through the door of either presbytery.
Thank you.

The St Vincent de Paul Group at St Bede's parish have faithfully served those in need in our community for many years. Families and individuals in difficulty have been supported by the members of the group through donations from our parishioners. Over the past two or three years the number of members of the St Bede's "SVP" has fallen considerably and we are now looking for new volunteers to allow this good work to continue. If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details in the parish office and when we have a few volunteers a member of the group will be in touch. Thank you.

Chorley Buddies are looking to recruit a manager to run their services in the Chorley area. The post is full time with a salary of up to £30,000. Details are on the notice boards at the back of church. C.V.'s should be sent to hr@svp.org.uk by 23rd December.

St Chad's Craft Group will take a break now until the 10th January 2023.
St Chad's Reading Group will take a break now until the 6th January 2023.
St Bede's Prayer Group will take a break now until the New Year.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available the back of St Bede's Church. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering to your Church, please let us know and we can send you a form that you give to your bank. You can also donate to your parish via bank transfer. Details of how to do this are on our parish websites and notice boards. Thank you.

Little Church volunteers are needed for our Sunday morning Masses. If your DBS check has been completed, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Fr Mark and we can let you know how to get involved in supporting the faith of the younger members of our parishes.



Altar servers. Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved. Thank you.

St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. For enquiries about our rates and conditions of use for St Bede's Parish Centre please call Aidan on 01257 271818 and for St Chad's Parish Centre please call 07719718523. If you get the answer phone, please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

The Community Larder will be open 9.30am to 11.30am **Monday** and **Friday** at **St. Aidan's**, 46 Station Road, Bamber Bridge. PR5 6QL.

Tel: 07762905978 or Email: foodbankbct@gmail.com

Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Food left at the back of St Bede's goes to the Community Larder.



A Service of Reconciliation for the parishes of Chorley will take place at St. Gregory's Church, Weld Bank, Chorley, at 3pm on Sunday 18th December. Several priests will be available for anyone who would like to make their confession and receive absolution. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available in our parishes. Please let Fr Mark know you would like to make your confession and he can arrange to meet you at St Chad's or at St Bede's.



Christmas Mass Times 2022

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm at St. Bede's

7pm at St. Chad's

Sunday 25th December Christmas Morning

9.15am at St. Chad's

11am at St. Bede's

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

E-mail: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk

St Bede's Parish Office 01772 335209

The office is open on Thursday and Friday for all enquiries.

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Beattie. **Telephone 01257 460154**

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Masses this week

Saturday 10th December 6pm St. Bede's Damian Tierney (RIP)

Sunday 11th December **Third Sunday of Advent** (PW3)

9.15am St. Chad's Anne Wilson (Anniversary)

11am St. Bede's Thanksgiving for Kerry

Monday 12th December 9.15am St. Chad's Vincent Noblet

Tuesday 13th December **9.30am** St. Bede's Parishioners

With all the children from St. Bede's School

Wednesday 14th December **No Mass**

Thursday 15th December 9.15am St. Chad's Thanks for prayers
answered

Friday 16th December 9.15am St. Bede's Shauna & Michael

Saturday 17th December 6pm St. Bede's Fred Snape

Sunday 18th December **Fourth Sunday of Advent** (PW4)

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's Theresa Roe



Please remember in your prayers Bernadette Clitheroe of St Chad's parish who died this week. Her funeral will take place at St Chad's church on 19th December at 10.30am.

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Eileen Farnworth, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Tony Morris, Gabrielle Myerscough, Connie Foy, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Anna Howard, Jenny Campbell, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.