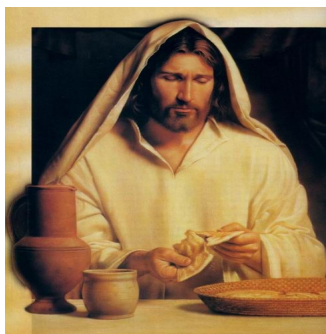




Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

Corpus Christi 11th June 2023

Parish Visitation

Every few years one of our Bishops visits our parishes as part of the official “visitation” of our Deanery to see how we are getting along. Bishop Thomas Neylon will be visiting St Bede’s Parish on the weekend of 17th and 18th June and St Chad’s Parish on Sunday 9th July. There will be an opportunity for all our parishioners to meet him after Mass. Bishop Tom is very much looking forward to being with us again.

Next Sunday, 18th June, is the **Day of Prayer for Life**. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the work of the church promoting respect for life. Please pray that the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God, will be protected from conception to old age.

Our St Vincent de Paul group offers support to local good causes and to people in difficulty. We would like to “relaunch” our group at St Bede’s. We have five willing volunteers already but a few more would be very welcome. Membership of the group may involve visiting people in their homes so is subject to a DBS check. We will hold a meeting for any new and existing members of the group on **Thursday 15th June at 7pm in St Bede’s Presbytery**. Please let Fr Mark know if you are coming to the meeting. Thank you.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 9.15am Mass on
18th June in St. Chad’s Parish Centre.

We will serve tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday morning on **11th June at St. Bede’s Parish Centre.**

There’s no charge but donations are welcome.

We do need a few more volunteers to help set up, serve and tidy away at our Sunday morning refreshments. Please speak to Fr. Mark if you would like to get involved in helping with tea and coffee after our Sunday morning Masses. Cakes to serve or to sell are always very welcome too!



It would be great to be able to organise a few social events for our parishioners in the coming months. We need a few volunteers to take on this task. If you would like to offer your help, please let us know. If there are a few willing hands, we can meet and start to make plans.

It has been suggested that we hold an event for children after the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's one Sunday while the weather is nice – games and refreshments in the presbytery garden. If you would like to offer your help with this, please let Fr Mark know.



Little Church at St Chad's will start in September. We need to make sure we have enough volunteers with a current parish DBS. If you would like to get involved in supporting our younger parishioners during our Sunday morning Mass at St Chad's please speak to Fr Mark. If your DBS application hasn't come through yet let us know and we can chase it up with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Thank you.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group takes place every **Monday** at 1pm to 2.30pm **in the Presbytery.** The next meeting will take place on **12th June.** Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet again on **Tuesday 13th June** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

St Chad's Reading Group. The next meeting of the reading group is on **Friday 7th July** from 2pm to 4pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Books are provided from the County Library service and are available to borrow at each meeting. New members are very welcome. If you would like more information, please get in touch and we can put you in contact with the organisers.

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. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

We are very happy to announce that we will be offering **the ALPHA course at St Bede's from September** this year. Please keep this project in your prayers. It is for people who would like to know more about the Christian faith and need a safe place to learn and ask questions. Please mention it to anyone you know who might be interested in coming along. Thank you.

Call in for a coffee and cake.

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.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Tel: 07762905978

Food and toiletries 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 support the work of the Community Larder.

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

New Altar Servers Welcome

It would be great to have a few more girls and boys to help with our team of altar servers at our weekend Masses. It is a great way to learn more about our faith and help our parish. Any children in Year 4 or older who would like to get involved are asked to speak to Fr Mark. Children who have recently made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join our team.



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

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

Parish Office 01772 335209 The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am until 3pm for any enquiries.

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

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

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and www.stchads-southhill.org

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

E-mail our parish office: stbedesclaytongreen@rcaol.org.uk or stchad.chorley@rcaol.org.uk **or to Fr Mark privately** m.beattie@rcaol.org.uk

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 10th June 6pm St. Bede's William & Florence Nickson
 Sunday 11th June **Corpus Christi (PW2)**

9.15am St. Chad's Alice Hughes
 11am St. Bede's Parishioners

Monday 12th June 9.15am St. Chad's Tommy Bradley

Tuesday 13th June 9.15am St Bede's Parishioners

Wednesday 14th June No Mass

Thursday 15th June 9.15am St. Chad's Whittle family

Friday 16th June 9.15am St. Bede's Alan Ainscough

Saturday 17th June 6pm St. Bede's John Nickson

Sunday 18th June **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners
 11am St. Bede's Special Intentions



Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

Syd Newton, George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh,
 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, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles,
 Vivienne Howard, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel,
 Conor MacLeod and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside,
 Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep Rodney Radue and Thomas Maher of St Bede's parish, who have
 died recently, in your prayers.

Confessions in the confessional in church will resume on Saturday evenings
 starting on 24th June before the 6pm Mass at St Bede's
 from 5.30pm until 5.50pm.