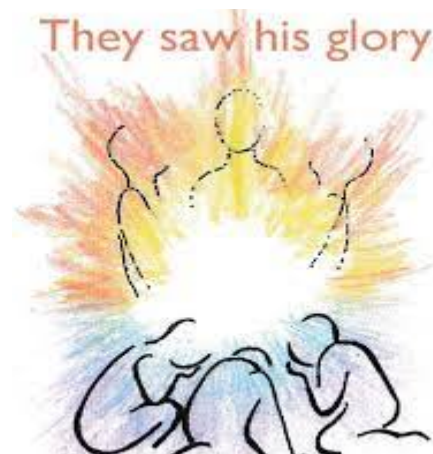


Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill

Parish News

Transfiguration of the Lord
6th August 2023



Sunday 3rd September at St Gregory's Gardens 12-4pm
Chorley Catholic Community Festival.

BBQ, stalls galore, tombola, cake stalls, lots of things for children to do, lots of live music and information from lots of local organisations. It's free to come along.

Our parishes will once again be running a tombola stall and a cake stall.

We are going to need lots of prizes for the tombola and bakers who are willing to fill our cake stall. Please let Clare in St Bede's parish office know if you are able to bake or lend a hand on a stall. We need volunteers to help setting up and clearing away at the end of the day. Thank you.

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group is now taking a break, we will recommence in September.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will recommence in September.

St Chad's Reading Group. The reading group will recommence in September.

Little Church at Sunday Morning Masses will take a break over the summer and start again in September.

If any of our ***Special Ministers of Holy Communion in St Bede's Parish*** who have an up-to-date parish DBS certificate, would like to take on a weekly home visit to a housebound parishioner or nursing home, please let Fr Mark know. We have had a few more requests for Holy Communion at home and it would be good to share them with a wider group of volunteers. Thank you.



Little Church at St Chad's will start in September. Can our volunteers please contact Fr Mark in the next couple of weeks so that we can plan the materials we will use and put a rota together.

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.

**PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW
WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED**

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. **ALPHA** is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment. **Alpha** is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning; it's open to cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along.

For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie. **Phone: Sr Dorothy - 07530238222 or Julie – 07943874257**
Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or juliannebrown1971@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you to the cleaning teams in our parishes who do such a great job of keeping our churches clean and tidy. **New helpers are always welcome.**

Our cleaning teams meet on Wednesdays in St Chad's
and on Thursdays at St Bede's.

**ST GREGORY'S ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL
& CONCERT IN THE GARDEN 2023**

will take place this year from 11th – 13th August in the Parish grounds at Weld Bank. Featuring a selection of real ales and ciders (wine & gin will also be available),

tickets for the event include a free glass of beer, a souvenir programme & glass. Delicious food will also be available throughout the weekend from our cafe. Tickets for the event cost £5.00 and are available from St Gregory's Parish Office Tel: 01257 262462 or 07944 931469. Limited tickets will also be available on the day.

2024 Bi-Centenary of the opening of St Bede's Church.

Next year St Bede's parish will be celebrating 200 years since the opening of the Church. We are going to need volunteers to help us organise events to mark and to celebrate this important milestone. We will hold a meeting in September to form a group to work on these events and to look at other social activities we can offer to our community. Please put your thinking caps on and let us know of any good ways of marking the Bi-Centenary of St Bede's Church.

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.

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.

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.

Have you ever wanted to give Bowling A Try?

St. Chad's Bowling Club have 3 teams which play each Monday night, Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon (alternating weekly, home & away).

They welcome new members both experienced and beginners (coaching can be given). If you want to give bowling a try but do not have a set of bowls, then ring Catherine Ainscough on 07719110883 to arrange a session.

It's a great way to spend a few hours in the fresh air and make new friends.

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 5 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Mary Hiccox (RIP)
Sunday 6 th August	Transfiguration of the Lord (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Mary Hilton
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention
Monday 7 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Rose Westhead
Tuesday 8 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Mary Hunter
Wednesday 9 th August	No Mass		
Thursday 10 th August	9.15am	St. Chad's	Special Intention (CR)
Friday 11 th August	9.15am	St. Bede's	Kathryn Kerr (RIP)
Saturday 12 th August	6pm	St. Bede's	Anniversary of Chris Mahon
Sunday 13 th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners
	11am	St. Bede's	Gregory Tyrer

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, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Confessions are normally heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm.

Please leave the door open when you leave the confessional so people can see when they are able to enter. Thank you.



We welcome Joshua and Zack Zielinski who will be baptised at St Bede's this weekend.