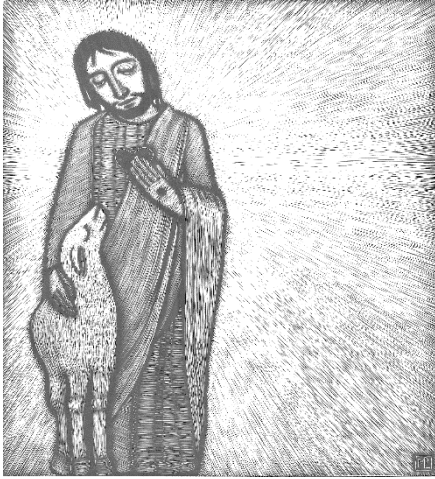




**Parishes of St Bede, Clayton Green
and St Chad, South Hill**

Parish News

5th Sunday of Easter

21st April 2024

**Day of prayer for vocations
to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life**

This Sunday, 21st April, is the **annual day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life**. This “Good Shepherd Sunday” we have much to celebrate because this academic year is a significant one for vocations to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. God willing, by the end of July five men will have been ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese. There will be a retiring collection to support the training men for ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Liverpool after our Masses this weekend.

A prayer for Vocations Sunday

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross ‘I thirst’ and respond to the call ‘Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations’. Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Can you help?

Over the past few years some of our volunteers have had to step down from their service in our parishes. We are always looking for more people to share their time and talents in God’s service. We need readers, Little Church helpers, cleaners, grounds people, help with organising parish events, serving tea and coffee after Sunday Mass, volunteers for our parish social committees etc. It would be good to have a bit more help with our music in Church too - musicians and singers who can help us broaden our repertoire at Mass. Guitarists and organists who can help out now and again would be very welcome. If you would like to get involved, please have a chat with Fr Mark who would be very happy to hear from you.

St Bede's SVP Group. We will meet again in **St Bede's Presbytery on Thursday 25th April at 7pm.** New Members welcome.

St Bede's Bicentenary Group / Social Group The next meeting of the group will be in St Bede's Parish Hall on **Monday 22nd April at 7pm.** New volunteers are welcome to come along.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 28th April** and in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 5th May.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our young people, Year 8 and older, at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on **Wednesday 26th June.** If anyone hasn't signed up to take part yet, please contact Fr Mark.

Our **First Holy Communion Meetings** will start again this week.

St Chad's families will meet after the 9.15am Sunday Mass on 21st April and St Bede's families will meet on Thursday at 6.30pm on 25th April. There are three meetings left before our children will receive the Body of Christ for the first time. **Please keep them and their families in your prayers.**

Cycling for St Bede's Bicentenary Celebrations. After the success of her Lent walk for CAFOD last year Mary Haylock is cycling 200 miles in the month of April. One mile for every year of St Bede's Parish. There is a box at the back of St. Bede's Church where donations can be left. Thank you for any support you are able to give.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday** 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 **Monday 13th May** 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.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped and all those who came to the coffee morning in aid of **Asthma and Lung UK** on 12th April at St. Chad's Parish Centre. Thanks to your generosity on the day and with later donations we raised an amazing £773.

Our group of volunteers who keep the Parish Centre at St Chad's going for us are planning to organise more parish events in the coming months. They will now be called the "St Chad's Parish Social Group" to better reflect their work. If you would like to be a part of this group, please talk to Fr Mark who can tell you what's involved.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet for the over 60's in St Bede's Parish Hall between 12.45 and 3.00 each Thursday. It costs £3 per week and we play games and have tea, coffee and biscuits. We also arrange trips out for afternoon tea, visits to garden centres and theatres and in December we arrange a trip out for a meal which includes entertainment. The club contributes to some of the cost of these trips. Please come along. If you want any more information contact Gill 07575080100.

Chair based exercise to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Every Thursdays 11-12am in St. Bede's Parish Hall. If you want any more information contact Janet 07890165986.

Have you ever wanted to **Give Bowling A Try?**

If the answer is 'Yes', then come along to meet members and have a go.

The green can be found at the rear of St. Chad's Club, off Town lane.

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.

Confessions are heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturday evenings before the 6pm Mass from 5.30pm until 5.50pm or at any time on request.

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The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday this week for all enquiries.

Masses and Services this week.

Saturday 20 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Christopher Burton
Sunday 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter (PW4)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Richard Shorrocks (RIP)	
11am	St. Bede's	Marta Kanis	
Monday 22 nd April	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cuerden family
Tuesday 23 rd April	9.15am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Wednesday 24 th April	No Mass		
Thursday 25 th April	9.30am	Mass in St. Chad's School	
		Leigh, Marks & Nickson families	
Friday 26 th April	9.15am	St. Bede's	Rosanne
		With the children of St Bede's School	
Saturday 27 th April	6pm	St. Bede's	Paola
Sunday 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (PW1)		
9.15am	St. Chad's	Parishioners	
11am	St. Bede's	Tony Bagot (RIP)	

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, 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, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

We welcome Ivy Gemell who will be baptised at St Chad's this weekend. Please keep Ivy and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to everyone at St Chad's School who have now received the CAFOD Live Simply award. To mark this we will celebrate Mass in St Chad's School (outside if weather permits) on **Thursday morning at 9.30am**. Please join us if you can.