

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

# **Parish News**

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**November – Month of the Holy Souls.** During the month of November we especially remember in prayer those who have died. Masses will be offered for the names on our November List. If you would like anyone who has died to be remembered in these Masses please write their names on a piece of paper and put them in an envelope. A donation for the parish may also be included. Hand them in through the door of either presbytery or into the sacristy. Thank you.

**St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group.** This weekend a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support which is used to help people in need in our local area.

Next Sunday is the **World Youth Day – Youth Sunday -** a day when we celebrate and pray for the younger members of the Church. If there are any younger parishioners who would like to help with our Mass on that Sunday morning please let Fr Mark know. We could have younger readers, help with the offertory procession, welcomers and collectors at these Masses. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Animate, our Archdiocesan Youth Service. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of our churches. Please use them if you are a UK tax-payer and are happy for Animate to receive your Gift Aid contribution. Thank you.

Altar servers – If you are in year 4 or older and would like to help with our altar servers team at weekend Masses please let Fr Mark know. It's a great way to learn about your faith and serve God and our parish family.

Little Church – We really need a few more people who are willing to make up the numbers of helpers who have a DBS check. You don't need to prepare the materials, just be around to offer a kind welcome to our children. Our First Holy Communion preparation will begin in February. We are looking for a couple more volunteers in each parish to help us prepare are young people and their families for this important event. Please let Fr Mark know if you would be willing to get involved.

We are always looking for a few more volunteers to lend a hand in the parish. We need help in the grounds, with flower arranging, Special Ministers of Holy Communion and readers at Mass and volunteers to help with activities for our younger parishioners.

There will be a **big clean up of the Parish Centre at St. Chad's** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30pm. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be. Please talk to Fr Mark or contact Clare on the office number 01772 335209 if you are interested in helping out in the parish.

**Christmas Poinsettias.** 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 minimum donation of  $\mathfrak{L}6.50$  towards the cost. Like everything else, the cost of the plants has gone up this year. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you 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 put it through the door of either presbytery. Thank you.

We are now taking Mass Intention requests for January and the rest of 2025, as the diary for December is now full. Many thanks to everyone who has been able to support our parishes through their donations over the past year. Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of church and can be handed in to the sacristy or through the door of either presbytery.

Red Admiral Brass Band - Christmas Concert at St. Chad's.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, at 2pm until 4.30pm is now fully booked. Thank you to everyone who has been able to support this event.

## St Chad's Craft Group

The craft group will meet every **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** from 2pm to 4pm in the **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.

**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.

Christmas Wreath Workshop: Have you always wanted to make your own fresh wreath or is it your tradition to make one every year? Come and support SVP Chorley Buddies whilst making it! Every penny made goes back into the charity ensuring we can continue to keep our doors of hope open this winter. It is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.30 – 2.30pm in Buttermere Community Centre, Buttermere Avenue, Chorley. PR7 2JG The tickets are £20 per person and are available from Chorley Buddies on 01257 542367.

# Date for your Diary at St Chad's

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party with music from "The Symbolics". Tickets are now on sale after Mass at St Chad's or you can book a place through the parish office. Good food, good music and good company. Any money raised through this event goes to help us keep the St Chad's Parish Centre in good repair. Thank you for your support.

Christian Community Larder – We have received a list of items most needed for the larder. Breakfast cereals, porridge, tinned meat, rice/pasta, sauce, cooking oil, instant rice, noodles, biscuits, baby food (not formula), washing up liquid, washing pods and liquid (not powder) and toilet rolls. Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church.

Tel: 07762905978. Email: <a href="mailto:christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com">christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com</a>
Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless. Similar items are very welcome.

Warm winter clothes are also needed, particularly for men.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will soon be debated in Parliament. The Bishops of England and Wales are asking us to write to our MP to state our opposition to this measure. There are cards that you can send to Parliament at the back of church. Fill in the details and attach a stamp and we can make our views known. The Member of Parliament for our parishes is Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

### Masses and Services this week.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 6pm St. Bede's Pious List Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** (PW1)

> 9.15am St. Chad's Pious List 11am St. Bede's Pious List

Monday 18th November 9.15am St Chad's Pious List

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am St Bede's Service of the Word

and Holy Communion

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November **No Mass** 

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am St. Chad's Pious List Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.15am St. Bede's Pious List

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 6pm St. Bede's Pious List Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November **Christ the King of the Universe** (PW2)

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### Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners

George Morris, Amy Greenhalgh, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Robert Rainford, Brenda Wrightson, Maria Reynolds, Eileen Ainscough, Tony Miller, Katherine Yates, Marie Coleman, Virginia Hayton-Weed, Lawrence Eccles, Patrick Phillips, Joyce Campbell, Agnes Moss, Sandra Farrel, Diane Gunn, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Robert Hackeson and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank and Brookhaven Nursing Homes.

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

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