



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

Parish News

Feast of
Christ the Universal King
24th November 2024



This Sunday is the **World Youth Day – Youth Sunday** - a day when we celebrate and pray for the younger members of the Church. Young people will be helping at our Sunday morning Masses. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Animate, our Archdiocesan Youth Service at all Masses this weekend. 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.

Christmas Raffle. Books of tickets are now available at the back of church. They cost £1 for a book or 20p for a single ticket. It would be great if you could take some to sell to family and friends and work colleagues. If you can't sell them, just bring them back to church and someone else can have a go. The raffle will be drawn at our Sunday Masses on Sunday 22nd December.

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.

Coffee morning next weekend in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.30am Mass**, in aid of **CAFOD**. Tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle so that we can buy a CAFOD Christmas gift. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

There will be a **big clean up of the Parish Centre at St. Chad's** on Saturday 30th 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 £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.

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, 2nd 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.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

Tea and coffee will be served **next weekend** in St. Bede's Parish Centre **after the 11am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Christmas Toy Appeal: Please donate new and unwrapped toys for children aged 0-17 in our area to help those who won't get a present this Christmas. **We need all the toys and gifts at church by Sunday 1st December so we can pass them on to the organisers.**

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 27th 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

7th 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: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

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.

Next week we will start using the new translation of the readings at Mass. If you would like to know more about the reasons for the changes, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Masses and Services this week.

Saturday 23 rd November	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 24 th November	Christ the King of the Universe (PW2)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St. Bede's	Pious List
Monday 25 th November	9.15am	St Chad's	Pious List
Tuesday 26 th November	9.15am	St Bede's	Pious List
Wednesday 27 th November	No Mass		
Thursday 28 th November	9.15am	St. Chad's	Pious List
Friday 29 th November	9.15am	St. Bede's	
	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
Saturday 30 th November	6pm	St. Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 1 st December	First Sunday of Advent (PW1)		
	9.15am	St. Chad's	Cecily Billington (Anniversary)
	11am	St. Bede's	Special Intention

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**

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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The parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **01772 335209**