



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

Parish News

Seventh Sunday of Easter 1st June 2025

World Communication Day 2025 is celebrated this weekend. The theme which was chosen by Pope Francis for this day is *“Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts”*. It is a day of reflection and prayer on communication as a tool for unity. There will be a retiring collection after our Masses to support the work of the Church in making the voice of the gospel heard on all means of social communication.

Our now “annual” **Parish Garden Party**
will take place following the 11am Mass at
St Bede’s on Sunday 22nd June this year.

There will be burgers and hot dogs, musical entertainment, children’s games and more.

We are going to need your help to make it a success. Donations of prizes for a children’s tombola and bottles and fancy goods for the grown-ups are needed. Please bring them to church or leave them at either presbytery. We are looking for bakers who will make cakes for the tea room. Please let us know if you can help. A few strong people are needed to help set up the gazebos and parish hall and to move chairs and tables around on Saturday afternoon and a bit more on Sunday morning. We need the same or different people who can be around at the end of the event to tidy everything away again. Please let us know if you can volunteer in any capacity and let us have your contact details by email or phone. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are hosting a Saturday Evening Dance in St. Chad’s Parish Centre on Saturday 5th July with food and musical entertainment. The tickets will be on sale after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad’s Parish Centre on Sunday 1st June after the 9.15am Mass and St. Bede’s Parish Centre after the 11am Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on Tuesday 17th June in **St Chad’s Parish Centre**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. It’s a free event but donations towards the cost are welcome. Good food and good company. Please join us if you can.

SVP Chorley Buddies will hold a hot lunch & activity or entertainment on Wednesday 11th June at **St. Chad's Parish Centre** from 12 until 2pm. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

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

St Bede's Prayer Group. The prayer group will take a break and will start again on **Monday 23rd June.**

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 2nd June** 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.

Clayton Thursday Group will meet every Thursday, for the over 60's, in St Bede's Parish Centre between 12.45pm and 3.15pm. Please come along.

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

Thank you to the volunteers who have started acting as welcomers. It is a big help to people visiting our churches who might not know that they need a Mass sheet, how children can get involved in Little Church or where the toilets are etc. We haven't got enough welcomers yet to start a monthly rota. If you would like to lend a hand to make visitors to our churches feel welcome, please let us know or talk to one of the welcomers who have already joined the team. Thank you.

Knitting natters from the Christian Community Larder are asking for yarn and wool. If anyone has any, could you please hand it in at St Chad's or at St Bede's and it will be delivered to the Larder. Thank you.

Non-perishable food, toiletries and clothing needed. Food left at the back of St Chad's goes to support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Please leave donations at the back of St Bede's Church for the Christian Community Larder. Non-perishable food, tea and coffee and toiletries are always needed. If you need help or would like to offer help they can be reached on 07762905978.

Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags etc. left at the back of St Bede's Church go to the Metanoia Project in Preston.



A prayer in preparation for Pentecost

**‘But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-
control.’**

Galatians 5:22-23

Come Holy Spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love.

When we are afraid make us brave.

When we are tired give us new strength.

*When we do not know the path to take,
give us the wisdom to let you guide our steps.*

*Slow us down and help us never to act without listening
for your still small voice in our hearts.*

Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of those who lead your church.

May they be people of faith, deeply rooted in the loving example of Jesus.

Give to our parish a renewed purpose.

We are an instrument in your hands.

*Use us to make Jesus known and loved
through our words and our actions.*

This day is your gift. May we use it in your service. Amen

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.

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

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 31st May 6pm St. Bede's *Patrick Viles*

Sunday 1st June **Seventh Sunday of Easter (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's *Robert & Elizabeth Gardner*

11am St. Bede's *Alan Thompson*

Monday 2nd June 9.15am St. Chad's *Service of the word with
Holy Communion*

10am St. Bede's Funeral Mass for Joseph Hardacre

Tuesday 3rd June 9.15am St. Bede's *Service of the word with
Holy Communion*

Wednesday 4th June **No Mass**

Thursday 5th June 9.15am St. Chad's *Special Intention (JL)*

Friday 6th June 9.15am St. Bede's *Parishioners*

Saturday 7th June 6pm St. Bede's *Thanksgiving (KG)*

Sunday 8th June **Pentecost Sunday (PW4)**

9.15am St. Chad's *Golden Wedding Thanksgiving*

11am St. Bede's *Fay family*

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, Shelagh Young, Liam Fogg, Dorothy Whittle, Gary Crook, Marie Gamble, Anna Leonard and the residents of Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Please keep in your prayers Joe Hardacre of St Bede's parish and Vincent Cahill formerly of St Chad's parish, who have died recently, and their families. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

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.