

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

Parish News

21st and 22nd Sundays in Ordinary Time

23rd & 30th August 2026

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. On 29th -30th August a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.

Brindle St Joseph's ANNUAL ARROWSMITH WALK

Following some of the route of St Edmund Arrowsmith's last ride (About 5 miles) **31st August 2026 (Bank Holiday Monday)**

The walk will start outside Church at 1.30pm

Arrowsmith House will be open until 3.30pm to view the room where St Edmund celebrated his final Mass before his arrest and Martyrdom.

After the walk, there will be **Mass in Church at 4.30pm** followed by light refreshments in the Parish Room. If you are unable to join in the walk you are very welcome to come to join in the celebration of Mass at 4.30pm.

Donations of cakes, biscuits etc would be appreciated. The route of the Arrowsmith Walk will be on the noticeboards in the back of St. Bede's and St. Chad's Churches and can be downloaded on St Joseph's website:

<https://www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk>

The St. Chad's Social Group will meet on **Monday 7th September in St. Chad's Parish Centre, starting at 6.45pm.** Please come along and volunteer if you can.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 24th August** and Monday 7th September in **St. Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 7th September, 1pm to 3pm** 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.

Tea and coffee will be served in St. Chad's Parish Centre **after the 9.15am Mass** and in St. Bede's Parish Hall **after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th September.** Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 8th September** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in **St. Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome, no skills or previous experience required.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 15th September** 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.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. Please get in touch if you would like to know more or sign up to take part in the sessions.

Alpha 2026: We have had a wonderful response to our Alpha Course beginning on the 3rd September at 7pm and to accommodate the numbers we are offering the same course on a **Wednesday afternoon beginning 2nd September**. If anyone would prefer the afternoon Course, would you please contact Sr. Dorothy or Julie. It will **start at 12.45 and finish at 2.30pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Hall**.

Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257

Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

SVP Chorley Buddies hold their monthly social on **Wednesday 9th September at St. Chad's Parish Centre from 12 until 2pm**. A hot lunch & an activity or entertainment are provided. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Call 01257 542367 to book.

Charity Comedy Night hosted by Steve Royle and Friends.

Local comedy legend, radio presenter, and *Britain's Got Talent* finalist Steve Royle is bringing an incredible line-up of funny friends to host a special, non-profit charity evening. Expect a fantastic night of top-tier stand-up and entertainment as Steve guarantee non-stop laughs—all while raising vital funds for St Chad's Church in Whittle-le-Woods. Being held at **St Mary's Parish Centre, Chorley** on **Friday 2nd October 2026**, doors open at 7pm. Tickets £15 Adults only, on sale at the back church after Masses from September. For further information contact 07904 984322.

At the back of St Bede's church there are small brown envelopes for people **who wish their donation to go St Joseph's church in Brindle** supporting the Ampleforth Trust to maintain the buildings and meet ongoing costs. If you Gift Aid your donation please write your parish Gift Aid number on the envelope.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anne Letizia on **07710 094449** or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

Christian Community Larder — How to Get Help

If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families.

- **Opening times:** Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am
- **Telephone:** 07762 905978
- **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Clothing and food donations left at the back of St Bede's church support our local food bank and the Metanoia Project supporting homeless people in Preston. Similar donations at St Chad's support Chorley Help the Homeless.

Fr Mark will be away from the beginning of September. Fr Michael Etekpo, a Missionary of St Paul will be here for two weeks to cover his time away. If you are able to offer a lift to Fr Michael between our churches or for shopping etc., please let Clare know in the parish office. Thank you.

Little Church at Sunday Morning Masses at St Bede's & St. Chad's is starting again on 6th September.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Beattie Tel. 01257 460154

Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

St Bede's Church. 598, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods. PR6 7EB
01772 335209

St Chad's Church. 237, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods. PR6 8AJ.

St Chad's Parish Hall 07719718523

St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

Parish Websites www.stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk and

www.stchads-southhill.org

www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

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

The parish office is closed the 24th – 28th August. Our administrator Clare is on holiday. If you don't get an answer on the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

Masses and Services next two Weeks

Saturday 22nd August 6pm St. Bede's For the conversion of a loved one

Sunday 23rd August **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW1)**

9.15am St. Chad's Marie & Frank Davis

11am St. Bede's Thanksgiving

Monday 24th August 9.15am St. Chad's Thanksgiving (JE)

Tuesday 25th August 9.15am St. Bede's Barry Myerscough (RIP)

Wednesday 26th August No Mass

Thursday 27th August 9.15am St. Chad's Jacqui Lowe (RIP)

Friday 28th August 9.15am St. Bede's Donor's Intention

Saturday 29th August 6pm St. Bede's Noel Melling (RIP)

Sunday 30th August **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW2)**

9.15am St. Chad's Parishioners

11am St. Bede's John Martin (80th Birthday)

Monday 31st August 9.15am St. Chad's Donor's Intention

4.30pm St Joseph's, Brindle Donor's Intention

Followed by refreshments

Tuesday 1st September 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word
and Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd September No Mass

Thursday 3rd September 9.15am St. Chad's Service of the Word
and Holy Communion

Friday 4th September 9.15am St. Bede's Service of the Word
and Holy Communion

Saturday 5th September 6pm St. Bede's For Healing

Sunday 6th September **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (PW3)**

9.15am St. Chad's Maureen Hughes

11am St. Bede's Margaret-Mary Bolton

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Jim Holmes, Paola De Sanctis, Eileen Ainscough, Agnes Moss, Agnes Martland, Ann Marie Green and the residents of Arrowsmith Lodge, Highcliffe, Greenways, Brookside, Willow Bank, Meadow Bank Nursing Homes and Brookhaven.

Confessions are heard in the confessional at St Bede's each Saturday at 5.30pm-5.50pm or at any time on request. You can call Fr Mark to arrange a convenient time.