

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

Parish News

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)
29th November 2026

Christmas Poinsettias. We will be decorating our churches for Christmas with poinsettias. To dedicate a plant in memory of someone, please donate at least £8 towards the cost. A dedication card will be placed by each plant, and you can take your plant home in the New Year. Put your donation and dedication in an envelope in the collection tray at the back of St Bede's or St Chad's, or through the door of either presbytery.

Christmas Raffle tickets are now available at the back of our churches. Please take some to sell to family and friends. Return all stubs and money by Sunday 20th December, at either church or through the door of either presbytery. The tickets look identical, but there are two raffles: each raises money for the church where the ticket was sold, with the same prizes in both. Thank you to the kind parishioners who have donated this year's cash prizes, and to everyone for supporting our parish funds.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land and to Garth and Wymott prisons. For many years our parishes have supported the Archdiocesan campaign to send Christmas cards to parishes in the Holy Land, this year in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. There are two cards per parish, available to sign in St Chad's and St Bede's after Masses on 28th/29th November. Many thanks for your continued support.

Also at the back of church is a card to sign, which will be copied and sent to prisoners in Garth and Wymott Prisons to assure them that we are praying for them and their families this Christmas. Please sign with just your Christian name.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available at the back of St Bede's Church. To set up a standing order for your weekly offering, ask us for a form to give to your bank; you can also donate by bank transfer. If you would like to support your parish through Gift Aid forms are available at the back of our churches or contact Clare on the office number 01772 335209 for details.

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.

Many thanks to the volunteers who organised our Christmas Brass Band Concert at St Chad's last week. A lot of hard work went into making this event so enjoyable and such a success. We raised over £1000 for parish funds. This is a big help in meeting our heating costs through the winter. Thank you to everyone who was able to support this event.

Groups & Weekly Gatherings

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 30th November** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

Our weekly Bible Study group takes place at **St Bede's Parish Hall** on **Monday 30th November at 7pm.** Please bring a bible with you if you have one – more are available at the meeting. Everyone is very welcome.

Starting this week and during Advent a group will meet in St Bede's Presbytery on Wednesdays 1pm-2pm to pray and reflect on the rich Sunday readings. Everyone is very welcome.

St Joseph's Brindle Advent Prayer. You are warmly invited to prepare for Christmas with a time of prayer with readings and music followed by refreshments each Saturday in Advent in St Joseph's church 4pm – 5pm.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group will meet on **Tuesday 1st December** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm **in St Chad's Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome; no experience needed.

Tea and coffee will be served in **St Bede's Parish Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th December** and on **Sunday 13th December** at **St Chad's Parish Centre after the 9.15am Mass.** Please join us if you can.

St Chad's Reading Group will meet on **Monday 7th December,** 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.

The St Chad's Social Group will meet on **Monday 7th December** in St Chad's Parish Centre, **starting at 6.45pm**. New volunteers to help look after our parish hall and organise parish events are always very welcome.

The soup and sandwich lunch will now take place on **Tuesday 15th December at midday** in **St Chad's Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome. It's free, but donations towards the cost are appreciated. Good food and good company!

Winter Warmer Evening with music from **"The Symbolics"** in **St Chad's Parish Centre** on **Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm – 10.30pm.** Hot pot supper; bring your own drinks. Tickets are £10, on sale **this weekend** after Mass at St Chad's or through the parish office.

Carols by Candlelight on **Tuesday 1st December, 6pm – 7pm**, at **St Mary's Church, Chorley, PR7 2SR**. Led by Holy Cross Choir, followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome.

SVP Advent Social – Tuesday 15th December, 1.30pm – 2.45pm.
The students at **Holy Cross High School** are once again inviting 'senior' parishioners to join them for mince pies, Christmas cake and a glass or two of sherry, with Christmas carols and music from the school choir, Bingo and a raffle. It is always a very enjoyable occasion. To book, ring Clare on the office number 01772 335209; we need to give the school numbers by Tuesday 8th December.

In the Living Room Christmas Gig. This year's tour, named as ever from 'Good King Wenceslas', is 'The Winter's Rage Tour': **St Joseph's Parish Hall, Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm**. Bring your own tipple and enjoy an evening of guests, merry tunes and mince pies, all for £5.00, with proceeds to charitable causes including the Friends of St Joseph's.

For the past year we have been unable to use the kitchen in St Bede's Parish Hall due to subsidence in that corner of the building. Our insurance claim is under way and work to underpin the walls starts in the spring. We apologise for the lack of social gatherings in the hall and hope to restart them then.

If you or someone you know needs food support, the Christian Community Larder behind St Aidan's Church offers practical help and a warm welcome. **Opening times:** Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am. **Telephone:** 07762 905978. **Email:** christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Clothing and food donations left at 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.

Donations made at St Bede's Church in the small brown envelopes at the back of St Bede's church go to the Ampleforth Abbey Trust towards the upkeep of St Joseph's Church.

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St Chad's Parish Hall
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www.stchads-southhill.org
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The parish office is open on **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** this coming week: **01772 335209**

Masses and Services this week

Saturday 28th Nov	6pm	St Bede's	Pious List
Sunday 29th November	**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)** (PW1)		
	9.15am	St Chad's	Pious List
	11am	St Bede's	Pious List
Monday 30th Nov	9.15am	St Chad's	Pious List
Tuesday 1st Dec	**9.30am**	St Bede's	Clare & George Cook (RIP) *With the children of St Bede's School*
Wednesday 2nd Dec	No Mass		
Thursday 3rd Dec	**9.30am**	St Chad's	Francesca Hosty (RIP) *With the children of St Chad's School*
Friday 4th Dec	9.15am	St Bede's	Special Intention
Saturday 5th Dec	6pm	St Bede's	Stephen Jackson (RIP)
Sunday 6th December	**Second Sunday of Advent** (PW2)		
	9.15am	St Chad's	Thanksgiving for 80th Birthday
	11am	St Bede's	Sheila Margaret Cowsley (RIP)

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.

Please keep in your prayers Ted Murphy of St Bede's parish, and Justin Halpin who regularly attended Mass at St Chad's, who have died recently and their families. May they rest in peace.



Confessions are heard in the confessional in St Bede's church on Saturdays, 5.30pm – 5.50pm before the 6pm Mass, or at any other time on request: just call Fr Mark to arrange a time.



Altar Servers. New servers from Year 4 upwards are always welcome, and it's a great way to learn more about the Mass. Please let Fr Mark know if you would like to join.