

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

Parish News

7th Sunday of Easter 17th May 2026

World Communication Day 2026 is celebrated this weekend. It is a day of reflection and prayer on communication as a tool for unity and sharing the Good News of Christ in the world today. 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.

Prayerful Devotions to Mary, the Mother of God, in May.

This week you are invited to two May services of Devotion to Mary.

Thursday 21st May at 11am in St Chad's Church.

With the children of our school we will pray to ask the intercession of Mary Our Mother, and to crown her statue.

Saturday 23rd May 4pm at St Joseph's Church Brindle.

A celebration of Mary Our Mother. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary together with hymns, readings from the Bible and time for quiet prayer.

Everyone is warmly invited to join these two celebrations.

Our next **Alpha Course** will begin **Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm** in **St. Bede's Parish Centre**. For more information or to book your place please contact either:

Sr. Dorothy: Tel. 07530 238222 or email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or

Julie Brown: Tel. 07943 874257 or email: Julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

Invitations and leaflets giving more information are at the back of Church.

Confirmations will take place in our Family of Parishes at St Joseph's Church, Harpers Lane on Thursday 11th June at 7pm. A rehearsal will be held in the same place for all candidates on Thursday 4th June. If you have registered to take part you should have heard from us by now. If you have not heard anything yet, please let us know. If any other young people in Year 8 or older would like to be confirmed or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Fr Mark.

Please keep all our young people preparing for this important moment in their lives in your prayers in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Coffee Morning and Plant sale will be in St. Chad's Parish Centre **on 17th May after the 9.15am Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

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.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be served on **Tuesday 19th May** 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.

St Bede's Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 18th May** in **St Bede's Presbytery** at 1pm – 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

St Chad's Craft Group. The craft group meets on **Tuesdays** 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 will meet on **Monday 1st June**, 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.

Thank you to all our **Mission Red Box holders** for your donations. The total amount raised during 2025 for our combined churches (St. Joseph's and St. Bede's) was £1,891.82 The breakdown for this is £779.88 from St. Joseph's and £1,111.94 from St. Bede's. Your donations are always greatly appreciated so thank you all for your continued support.

The **Red Admiral Brass Band Spring Concert** was a huge success, with many comments praising the whole event. The total raised was £691.06 Thank you to the Band, to the volunteers who organised the concert and to all who came to this wonderful event.

Chorley Help the Homeless at The Gateway is very grateful for all the generous contributions from our parishioners. Unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for food, especially, rice, tinned meat e.g. Corned Beef, Spam, Cordial, Hotdogs, Weetabix and chocolate cereals. Any donations can be placed in the box in the porch at St. Chad's. At The Gateway we also provide, not only food parcels but a free breakfast and lunch every week, Monday to Friday and a warm space for those in need. Thank you.

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.

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. If you are unable to get to church Fr Mark can arrange to visit you at home.

If you are unable to get to church due to ill health or following hospital treatment etc. we can arrange for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact us and let us know that you are unable to come to Mass and we will be happy to help.

St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Group. On Sunday 24th May a collection for the SVP will be taken after Masses at St Bede's. Thank you for your support.



We previously advertised an event in our Family of Parishes for all our Special Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday 24th May at 3pm. **This event has been postponed and will now be held in St Joseph's Primary School, Harpers Lane, Chorley on Sunday 5th July at 3pm.**

Any children in Year 4 of primary school or older are invited to become part of the altar serving team at our weekend Masses. Just talk to Fr Mark and he will let you know how to get involved. It's a great way to learn about our Faith and serve God and your parish family.

Gluten free hosts are available at all Masses. Please let Fr Mark know if you need a gluten free host at Holy Communion and we will make sure we have enough consecrated for those who need them.

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Deacon: Rev Simon Gilbertson

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St Bede's Parish Hall 01257 271818

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www.stchads-southhill.org

www.brindlestjosephs.org.uk

Facebook page Look for "Parishes of St Chad and St Bede"

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

Masses and Services this Week

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| Saturday 16 th May | 6pm | St. Bede's | Stuart Dolphin RIP |
| Sunday 17 th May | Seventh Sunday of Easter (PW3) | | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Parishioners |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Kath McConnell (RIP) |
| Monday 18 th May | 9.15am | St. Chad's | Maureen Hughes (Ann) |
| Tuesday 19 th May | 9.15am | St. Bede's | Parishioners |
| Wednesday 20 th May | No Mass | | |
| Thursday 21 st May | 9.15am | St. Chad's | John Baldwin |
| Friday 22 nd May | 9.15am | St. Bede's | Thanksgiving & forgiveness |
| Saturday 23 rd May | 6pm | St. Bede's | Maureen Spencer (RIP) |
| Sunday 24 th May | Solemnity of Pentecost – Pentecost Sunday | | |
| | 9.15am | St. Chad's | John Hilton (Ann) |
| | 11am | St. Bede's | Special Intention |

Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:

Kath Yates, 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.

Any adults in the parish who would like to be baptised, received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are very welcome to get in touch and we will be very happy to help.

Prayer in Preparation for the Feast of Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.

Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church.

Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish.

Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.

Holy Spirit, help us to know each day the gifts Jesus promised to us- love, peace, freedom and joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

