



a service of thanksgiving
for the venerable bede

Thursday 16th November 2023 – 1.30 for 1.45 pm

st paul's church, church bank, JARROW

Led by the Bishop of Durham

The Rt. Revd Paul Butler

with The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside &

Leader of South Tyneside Council

welcome to st. paul's church, jarrow.

The remarkable life, faith and work of The Venerable Bede has inspired generations through the centuries, and his works still inspire us today.

Through Bede's writing and teaching, his prayers and reflections, his observations of the world around us and the legacy he has left here in Jarrow, we felt it only right to commemorate and celebrate 1,350 years since his birth.

We are delighted that so many schools and community organisations are keen to be part of this commemoration, and from today – through to Bedetide on Saturday 26th May 2024 - we will host a number of events large and small to remember Bede, and his contemporaries, in what is today, the Borough of South Tyneside.

If you would like a quiet, prayerful activity to take home, or something think about as we wait for our service to begin, please turn to the back pages of this booklet.

We hope you can join us again in the months ahead. There is a service here on Sundays at 11am (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month) and Prayers for Pilgrims at 12 noon on Saturdays. Everyone is welcome.

*Revd Lesley Jones (Rector)
The Parish of Jarrow and Simonside.*

Opening Hymn – ‘Give me Joy in my heart’

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
 give me joy in my heart, I pray;
 give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
 keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 sing hosanna to the king of kings!
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 sing hosanna to the King*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
 give me peace in my heart, I pray;
 give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
 keep me resting till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 give me love in my heart, I pray;
 give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 keep me serving till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna...

Author Unknown

The Gathering

In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Words of Welcome

Prayers of Penitence

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.
Let us take a moment to reflect and say sorry to God
and ask him who is rich in mercy for forgiveness and peace.

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You give the earth for an inheritance to those who are meek:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You show yourself to those who are pure in heart:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and

keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

All **Amen.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Venerable Bede

Heavenly Father,
We give you thanks for your servant Bede,
whom you called while still a child,
to devote his life to your service
in the disciplines of religion and scholarship:
Grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
to bring the riches of your truth to his generation,
so we, in our various vocations,
may strive to make you known in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Reading

An extract from 'A History of the English Church and People' by The Venerable Bede

'I was born on the lands of this monastery, and on reaching seven years of age, I was entrusted by my family first to the most reverend Abbot Benedict and later to Abbot Ceolfrid for my education. I have spent all the remainder of my life in this monastery and devoted myself entirely of the study of the Scriptures. Amid the observance of the Rule and the daily task of singing the office in church, my chief delight has always been in study. Teaching and writing.

'I was ordained deacon in my nineteenth year, and priest in my thirtieth, receiving both these orders at the hands of the most reverent Bishop John at the direction of Abbot Ceolfrid. From the time of my receiving the priesthood until my fifty-ninth year, I have made it my business, both for my own benefit and that of my brethren, to compile short extracts from the works of the venerable Fathers on holy Scriptures, and to comment on their meaning and interpretation.'

Gospel Reading - John 21:20-25.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the very image of God.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' ²³ So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Reflections on Bede with Bishop Paul

A Hymn for our Northern Saints: 'Lord of Life and Glory'

(to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers)

Lord of life and glory, fill us with thy grace
while today we praise thee in this ancient place;
here from early ages, men have praised thy Name
yesterday, today Lord, evermore the same.

*Go before us Jesus, lead us on our way;
Lord of Bede and Biscop, be our strength today.*

Biscop with his vision, Biscop with his skill,
 gave his earthly riches, all to do thy will.
 Biscop's work remaineth; here this day we see
 how in Saxon England Biscop toiled for thee.

*Go before us Jesus Lead us on our way
 Lord of Bede and Biscop, be our strength today.*

Bede, the learned scholar, Bede the humble saint,
 Bede of world's ambition wholly free from taint;
 here he prayed and worshipped thee to whom we sing,
 all the praise and honour, gave to Christ the King.

*Go before us Jesus Lead us on our way
 Lord of Bede and Biscop, be our strength today.*

Now for thee our Fathers, who in early days
 preached the glorious Gospel, yield we thanks and praise;
 and for us who joyful, sing today we plead;
 may we give like Biscop, pray and learn like Bede.

*Go before us Jesus Lead us on our way
 Lord of Bede and Biscop, be our strength today.*

Prayers

The response to our prayers today is

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

At the end of our prayers we say

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy
will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you**

Words of Thanks

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope
and steadfastness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Farewell Hymn: "One More Step into the World I Go"

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new...

As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new...

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do, Keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new...

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, Keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new...

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Thank you for joining us today.
Please take this booklet with you.*

something to think about

Bede was a keen writer.

Bede lived his life in the dark times and is seen as a light shining in that darkness. Bede loved the Lord Jesus and devoted his life to the study and translation of Scripture. He wrote commentaries on over twenty-five Books of Scripture. As the barbarians in Rome were burning books, Bede was recording them.

In Bede's commentary on Revelation, he praised Jesus as "The Morning Star." His words, recreated in gold lettering, are seen by thousands of visitors to Durham Cathedral every year, and are displayed above his tomb in the Galilee Chapel.

Do you have a favourite a story or book in the Bible? What would you write about it?



“Christ is the Morning Star
Who when the night of this
world has past
brings to his saints
the promise of the light of life
and opens everlasting day.”

The Venerable Bede

Image: From the Galilee Chapel,
Durham Cathedral.

**Over a lifetime Bede will have said a great many prayers in this place.
What words would you choose for your own prayer?**

A prayer from Bede...

“I implore you, good Jesus,
that as in your mercy you have
given me to drink in with
delight the words of your
knowledge,
so of your loving kindness you
will also grant me one day to
come to you,
the fountain of all wisdom,
and to stand for ever before
your face.”

...and a prayer from me.

[illegible]

the monks of st. paul's monastery, jarrow.

In the 8th Century the monks were known for their great craftsmanship and skill. Illuminated lettering, used in their handwritten manuscripts and copies of the Bible. They had a special place within the monastery where this slow and delicate work took place – The Scriptorium. Here is an example of an illuminated letter created here at that time.



Sample letters

a b c d e
f g h i j k
l m n o p
q r s t u
v w x y z

Would you like to design your own illuminated letter or word?