

Venerable Bede

Bible Reading: Corinthians 2:10b-16

¹⁰ But it was to us that God made known his secret by means of his Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, even the hidden depths of God's purposes. ¹¹ It is only our own spirit within us that knows all about us; in the same way, only God's Spirit knows all about God. ¹² We have not received this world's spirit; instead, we have received the Spirit sent by God, so that we may know all that God has given us.

¹³ So then, we do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit. ¹⁴ Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit. Such a person really does not understand them, and they seem to be nonsense, because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis. ¹⁵ Whoever has the Spirit, however, is able to judge the value of everything, but no one is able to judge him. ¹⁶ As the scripture says, "Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give him advice?". We, however, have the mind of Christ

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The Venerable Bede – also known as St Bede – is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars. He lived and died in between the twin monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow in the North East of England between 673 and 735 AD and wrote or translated some forty books on practically every area of knowledge, including nature, astronomy, and poetry. His most famous writing was on theology and history and his best known work is *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*.

Although Bede was a polymath and religious figure who described himself as having "*devoted [his] energies to the study of the scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church*" and for whom "*study, teaching, and writing had always been [his] delight*", he is remembered today as the earliest English historian, whose work has shed light on a period of English history that would have otherwise been unknown. He is often referred to as '*The Father of English History*.'

Prayers (MU May 2023 Wednesday prayer)

Prayer of the Venerable 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."

The Spirit of God, precious gift once bestowed upon the few, is now lavished on us all.

In faith we receive the Holy Spirit; the blessing of God to empower his church .

Holy Spirit, envision your church with holy purpose; that we may build God's kingdom on earth.

With joy we receive the Holy Spirit; the blessing of God to empower his church.

Christ our Lord, fill your church with the power of your Spirit to boldly declare the wonders of God. **Amen**

Coffee, Cake & Craft

Craft: Bible calligraphy & colouring

You need:

- Template colouring pictures for those who want to use templates
- calligraphy templates for those who want to do their own free hand illustrated verses
- felt pens
- calligraphy felt pens

Instructions:

Illustrate or create your own beautiful bible verses