



### **For sharing from the January Meeting of the Bede Partnership Development Group**

The PDG heard from a range of people in our parishes and schools across the partnership, as well as diocesan representatives, all of whom were committed to supporting our young people in their spiritual development. All were impressed by the opportunities on offer and the determination of those involved in youth ministry. As a group we agreed to consider three priorities:

- The welcome we offer to our young people in our parishes;
- Supporting more young people and families to participate in diocesan activities like 'The Event';
- Meeting young people where they are to share their concerns and ideas about Church.

A small group will begin to work on these ideas and will be seeking further involvement and support from parishioners across the partnership to support our young people.

The PDG felt that both the Newsletter and the sharing of our Advent Programmes had been successful. We hope to share our Lenten Programmes in a similar way and aim to produce a further Partnership Newsletter at Pentecost.

Our Patronal Feast Partnership Masses again offer an opportunity for old and new friends to come together across the year in each other's parishes to celebrate Mass and share in the spiritual and social life of each community.