

**CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT BISCOP and
THE CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

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The Second Sunday of Easter – 8th April 2018

WELCOME

If you have come to a communion service and you are accustomed to receive in your own church or chapel, you are very welcome at our altar. If you are not a communicant member of a church but would like an individual blessing, please bring a service booklet to the altar rail at the time of communion.

CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Parish Communion

Hymns

7.00pm Taizé Prayer

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Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand

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Lay Assistants (8) Bryan Johns

(10.30) Mark Jarvis, David Crathorne

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Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior

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Sides (8) Stan & Joy Capewell

(10.30) Margaret Hatton, Shirley Wall,
Sheila Fellows, Alyson Bryant

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Offertory Heather Yeates

Intercession Chris Welch

1st NT Lesson Gill Sadler

2nd NT Lesson Maureen Boyce

Gospel Martin Garrington

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Brian Glover

Intercession Laurie Gainer

Sides Carol & Dave Godwin

1st NT Lesson Margaret Springthorpe

2nd NT Lesson Peter Cartwright

Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Our Easter collection for Wombourne Guide Hall Refurbishment

A cheque will be collected during the 10.30 service this morning by Becky Fletcher, the Wombourne District Commissioner for the Guides.

Thank you to everyone who gave their support.

Collect

Risen Christ

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

First New Testament Lesson Acts 4: 32-35 (NRSV)

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Second New Testament Lesson 1 John 1: 1 - 2:2 (NRSV)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20: 19-31 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my

finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side I will not believe.’
A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer Monday to Saturday **9.00am** at St Benedict’s
(Wednesday: prayer for individuals on sick list)

Holy Communion 9.30am Tuesday at St Benedict’s
11.00am Thursday at the Venerable Bede

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL 2018 – EASTER 3

St Benedict’s: 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

Afternoon Tea at the Bede Hall on Thursday 19th April

Cost £7.50

All profits will go to the Flower Festival fund

Tickets from Anne Freeman (895075)

and Olwyn Grainger (893901)



The Electoral Roll is posted at both Churches

If you have changed your address (or your name) please complete a new form and give it to either Hilary Moore or the Rector. If you are not on the Roll (our church membership list) please complete a form and give to Hilary or the Rector.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for faith to overcome our doubts

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20: 29b (NRSV)

Thomas believed when he saw the marks of the nails: pray that we may believe on the evidence of the scriptures, the witness of the early disciples and Christians down the ages, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be married this week: Jonathan Robert Prior and Natalie Fiona Von Lintzgy

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew Pouney, Edna Kelly, Dot Tyrer, Jan Glover, Mary Farman, John, Olga Barrow-Collins, Tony Surman, Kim Dudley, Sarah Stephenson, Tony Jones, Joy Brandrick, Alan Price, Bernie Pickering, John Cumiskey.

Those who have died recently and their families: Harold John Taylor, Winifred Cumiskey, Michael Albert Weston, Ron Hanson and Victor Gill.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue 10	12 noon Prior & Von Lintzgy wedding at St Benedict's (o c b) <i>PB</i> 8.00pm Baptism preparation at the Wombourne Institute
Wed 11	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 9.30am Pastoral group meet
Thurs 12	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede followed by lunch at 12 Wives Group—lunch at Apley Farm 2.00pm Victor Michael Gill's funeral at St Benedict's <i>PB</i>
Fri 13	7.30pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

Thursday lunch on April 12 12 noon after Communion at Bede church
Cost £5. Book a place with Anne (895075)

Have you missed anyone from church recently?
If so, please let the Churchwardens know.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will take place on 29 April. Nominations are invited for Churchwardens at St Benedict's (2), Deputy Wardens at the Venerable Bede (2) and election to PCC (3 vacancies for a 3 year term and 2 vacancies for a 1 year term). Nomination forms are available at the back of both churches, and should be returned to Shirley Wall (PCC Secretary) by 22 April.

Benedict & Bede Bulletin

We are compiling the May bulletin and need articles by 18th April please.
Information to be sent to wombournebulletin@gmail.com or contact Sylvia Cowling 01902 892691 or Joyce Hodgetts 01902 894758.

Many congratulations and very best wishes to
Bob & Nora Reynolds who celebrated their 77th Wedding
Anniversary last Tuesday.

