



Benedict and Bede

NEWS and VIEWS

May 2018



**St Benedict Biscop Church
Wombourne**

FLOWER FESTIVAL

“Stories Change Lives”

8th - 11th June 2018

10.00am - 5.00pm (Sun 1.30 - 5.00)

Ploughmans Lunch, Cream Teas,
Plant & Produce Stalls
available

St Benedict Biscop – Flower Festival 2018

From 8th -11th June St Benedict Biscop Church will be holding a Flower Festival as a major fund raising event. The theme of “Stories Change Lives” has been chosen and it is hoped that many people will come into church to see the many floral decorations and enjoy afternoon teas and plant and produce stalls in the garden of Arbour Tree House.

The festival will open on the evening of Thursday 7nd June with a very special Preview Event. A ticket only reception (£15) will include the chance to be first to see the arrangements whilst enjoying wine and canapés and be entertained by “Josh and Friends” with Songs for a Summer Festival. Tickets are available in church or from Sheila Fellows (01902 896911)

A great deal of work needs to be done in preparation for such a festival, planning is well under way but as is always the case help in many forms is needed.

The Flower Festival committee needs volunteers to act as:-

Stewards

Refreshment helpers, cake makers and washer-uppers

Stall assistants on produce and plant stall

If you can help in any of these areas giving time, homemade produce or cakes, or if you have garden plants that need splitting or can grow seedlings for selling please let any member of the flower team know, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly we appeal to those who feel they could contribute to the cost of the many flowers that will be needed in order to fill our beautiful church with over 30 arrangements. Any donation will be of enormous value to the success of the festival. Church and local organisations and businesses are being contacted to ask for sponsorship of individual arrangements (it is estimated that each will cost between £50 - £150) and sponsors names will be attributed to an arrangement of their choice.

However smaller donations can make a huge difference and will offer donors the opportunity to support the arrangers in the mammoth task of putting together a festival fitting for our beautiful church.

If you feel able to help with sponsorship in any way, leaflets and donation envelopes will be available at the back of church.

Any questions or enquiries - Chris Welch (324111), Pauline Haycock (895569), or Janet Lailey (897919),

A HUGE THANK YOU for any help you are able to give.



GDPR Regulations

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. We must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. This means that that unless we have specific consent from individuals we will be unable to use some of the data we have traditionally held in the Parish Office to keep in contact with people or to send them information about future events.

The National church has suggested a number of different consent forms that we have already started to use. An example of the text is shown below. You will see that it includes a way for people to unsubscribe if they don't want further information from us.

We hope you've enjoyed being with us and we would love to stay in touch with you. If you would like to be informed of future events and other church news please tick the box below and let us have your contact details.

Name _____

Email Address: _____

If you tick the box, we will add you to our mailing list. You can unsubscribe at any time, either by clicking on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of our emails, or by contacting the Church Office (info@stagschurc.org.uk, ☐ 01234 567890)

We will be contacting all our church members in May to ask them to complete the declaration.

If you don't complete the declaration we will be unable to send you the bulletin in future !

(We have also adjusted our baptism and wedding forms to allow us to continue contacting those who come to us to celebrate the occasional offices.)

Stewardship Time and Talents.

Our churches rely heavily on the goodwill of our church members to get involved with our churches life through using their time and talents in the service of the Gospel. This can vary from helping in the Parish Office to taking part in our services or helping with our outreach and children's work.

It is a while since we asked our church family to think about how they contribute their time and talents to our church and so in the final weeks of Eastertide leading up to Pentecost everyone will receive a time and talents booklet. This year we are **not** asking for our church family to think about how they financially contribute to the church.

Please think and pray about how you can contribute to the work of our church. We need lots of volunteers !

**Thy Kingdom Come.
Ascension to Pentecost
from
10 - 20 May 2018.**



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that began in the Church of England in 2016. The Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting Christians around the world to join together in prayer.

Our hope is that:

People will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family.

And pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.

Last year as a church we joined in the Novena of Prayer by distribution of small booklets which contained suggestions for prayer on each of the nine days of the Novena. New booklets of this very helpful resource have been published for 2018. Each day has a different theme with a passage from the Bible, a colour picture and a prayer with suggestions about how you can focus your own prayers on that particular day. The tag lines for each day are Look, wait, read, listen and respond.

As well as the novena booklets there will be some specially printed copies of Morning and Evening Prayer for the nine days. We will be using them at Morning Prayer at St Benedict's for the nine days.

There will be some available in our churches if you would like to use them at home.

Then on **Thursday 17th May** from **2.00pm** till **5.00pm** and from **7.00pm** till **9.00pm** St Benedict's will be open so that people can come and join in quiet prayer. Around the church there will be five prayer stations to help focus prayer.

A family tree where you can pray for member of your family who has a particular problem or who you would hope will come to, or grow in faith.

A Wailing Wall where you can pray for our family, our churches.

A Sorry Bin a place for the prayer of forgiveness

A bowl of Water and a pen to write the names of those you need to forgive on your hands with the opportunity to wash the names off in the water as you let go of any resentment you feel.

A world map so that we can pray for reconciliation, love and forgiveness in places of need around the world.

Paul Brown

10th May Ascension Day

Forty Days after Easter Jesus disciples saw him for the last time. Luke tells us that he blessed them as he withdrew from them (Luke 24:v50). Each year we celebrate this special day.

There will be an 11.0am Eucharist at the Venerable Bede followed by lunch in the hall. (please book with Ann Freeman)

And then at 1.45pm the School will come to St. Benedict Biscoch church for their celebration.

20th May Pentecost

Come and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at our services on the feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the Third great festival of the church after Christmas and Easter.

Thursday at 11.00am.

As you get a little older it can be difficult to get going in a morning or you may visit family for a special celebration on a Sunday. This is where our 11.00am holy Communion at Bede comes in. A said celebration of Holy Communion when you can join the Christian family at the altar and then for coffee (or tea) and a biscuit afterward in Bede Hall. On special occasions we have cake !

Intinction.

There are times at celebrations of Holy Communion when we want to take Communion but feel that a head cold or other similar health problems make it inappropriate to take the chalice in the traditional way. In these circumstances it is possible to dip the very edge of the consecrated wafer into the consecrated wine. Please do not dip any more than the very edge. If you need help because of an unsteady hand our Eucharistic Ministers will be only too pleased to help you.

Christian Aid

Together we're stronger than the storms

In Haiti, Marcelin raised his three daughters alone. They've endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth. They're not just survivors. They're fighters. But they're only so strong. They won't survive the next hurricane without your help.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be in their corner. You can help them build a home that will weather the next storm, so they won't need to fight to survive anymore.

Christian Aid Week unites kingdom builders like you from all walks of life. We step out in mission for our neighbours like Marcelin, because we believe in life before death. We believe God's kingdom is stronger than the storms.

Christian Aid Week, 13-19th May .

Will you join us? Through our part of the Ecumenical House collection coordinated by Brian Johns we usually raise in excess of £1,000 This will pay for ten days construction training for a local builder in Haiti. The builder could then build secure, comfortable homes for people like Marcelin, giving them a safe place to weather the next disaster, and a fighting chance to build a better life.

Christian Aid Week

Commencing 13th May 2018

Volunteers are desperately needed to collect for this charity.

If YOU could help please contact:

Bryan Johns or Carol Porter



Children's activities we have in May and June

Sunday Club every Sunday in the Hand in Hand at 10.15am

6th May - Making a happy face dice

13th May - Special Ascension Craft

20th May - Pentecost - Making a windmill

27th May - Trinity Sunday -Special Trinity craft

3rd June - Flower Festival activity

10th June - We are family!

17th June - Fathers day craft

24th June - Jesus calms the storm activity



Little Fish every Monday during term time in St Benedict Biscop Church 10-11am



14th May—Penecost Special activity

21st May—Today's special craft could get messy

4th June—Flower Festival activity

11th June—Making something special.

18th June—The lost sheep craft

25th June—Mary and Martha story.

For more information please contact Sarah on
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email

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BEDE & BENEDICT NEWS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Items for inclusion in the **July** bulletin must reach us by 17th JUNE

Please contact: **Sylvia Cowling 892691** or **Joyce Hodgetts 894758**

We welcome items by email but please send only Publisher, Word or plain text.
wombournebulletin@gmail.com

Confirmation Training

Do you know anyone who would like to prepare for confirmation ? If so please talk with the Rector.

And finally a prayer for an end to poverty

Creator God,
you loved the world into life.
Forgive us when our dreams of the future
are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom
of justice, peace and an end to poverty.
Incarnate God,
you taught us to speak out for what is right.
Make us content with nothing less than a world
that is transformed into the shape of love,
where poverty shall be no more.
Breath of God,
let there be abundant life.
Inspire us with the vision of poverty over,
and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.

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