

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

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15th Sunday after Trinity – 9th September 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

3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism 7.00pm Taizé Prayer

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

Hymns

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Lay Assistants (8) Rosemary Griffiths (10.30) Chris Welch, Olwyn Grainger

Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior (afternoon baptisms) Chris Welch

Sides (8) Stan & Joy Capewell (10.30) David & Chris

Crathorne,

Keith Whittaker, Pat Roberts

Offertory Peter & Cath Hodges

Intercession Joyce Hodgetts

OT Lesson Beverley Tyer

NT Lesson Vicky Bratt

Gospel Richard Green

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Brian Glover

Intercession Peter Cartwright

Sides Kathleen Ogden, Dorothy Brewerton

OT Lesson Margaret Springthorpe

NT Lesson Laurie Gainer

Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's celebration meal

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 35: 4-7a (NRSV)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and
the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and
rushes.

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

New Testament Lesson James 2: 1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in
our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes
comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat
here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at
my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges
with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen
the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he
has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it
not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not
they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You
shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you
commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps
the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not
have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily
food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill',
and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith
by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

*Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord. No one
can come to the Father except through me. All: Alleluia.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7: 24-37 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone
to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose
little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she
came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of
Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.' *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)

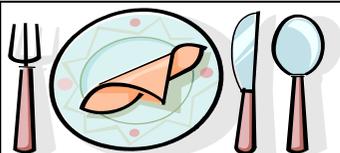
Holy Communion 9.30am Tuesday at St Benedict's
11.00am Thursday at the Venerable Bede

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – TRINITY 16

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



Thursday lunch on September 13th

12 noon after Communion at The Bede church

Cost £5. Book a place with Anne (895075)

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for open ears and inspired tongues

Immediately, his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
Mark 7: 35 (NRSV)

Ironically, the man whose speech was restored was told to keep quiet, because Jesus' time had not come! But now the time for Jesus to be revealed to the world is long past. Pray that our ears may be opened to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and our tongues released to proclaim the love of God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be baptised this afternoon: Olivia Grace Skidmore, Louis Henry Steele, Archie Jones, Ollie Jones, Eva Skidmore and Nell Grace Nugent.

Those to be married this week: Thomas Spencer & Abigail Hannah Floyd.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Jan Glover, Sarah Stephenson, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Ken Hill, Thelma Cooper, Edna Kelly and Pat.

Those who have died recently and their families: John Kyte, Patricia Jones, Archie Brennan, Robert John Birch, Ken Forder Blakeman, Nancy Steventon, David Ian Ford. Percy Geoffrey Biddle and Gordon Brough.

Please pray for all those going on holiday with Joy Waistell this week, and their carers, for a happy week without incident.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

	<i>9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's</i>
Mon 10	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm Team Council meet at the Venerable Bede
Tue 11	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 10.00am Greater Staff meeting 12.30pm Deanery Clergy Chapter meet at Tettenhall
Wed 12	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 1.30pm Funeral of Patricia Jones at St Benedict's <i>SW</i>
Thurs 13	11.00am Holy Communion at the Bede followed by lunch at 12 noon 8.00pm Wives' Group at Bede - WELCOME BACK (cheese & wine)
Fri 14	12 noon Funeral of Robert Birch at St Benedict's <i>PB</i> 1.45pm St Benedict's School Welcome Service in church 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 15	12 noon Tom Spencer & Abby Floyd marry at St Benedict's (o c b) <i>PB</i>

The 10th Music festival runs from the 22nd to 29th September

Saturday 22nd: 7.30pm "The Birmingham Savoyards" Tickets £10

Sunday 23rd: 6.30pm Free Sunday Concert at St Benedict's

Monday 24th: 2.00pm "Tea & Cake" Concert with Michael D. Thompson on piano. Tickets £6

Tuesday 25/Wednesday 26/Thursday 27: 1.30pm "Local School Choirs" Tickets £3

Friday 28th: 7.30pm "The Kidderminster Male Choir" Tickets £10

Saturday 29th: 7.30pm 10th Anniversary Gala with "Last Night of the Proms" featuring The Festival Orchestra - Conductor Josh Xerri Tickets £10

Tickets available (including £25 "Festival Pass" for entry to all events) from Church, and Taylor's Greengrocer, Church Road, Wombourne

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