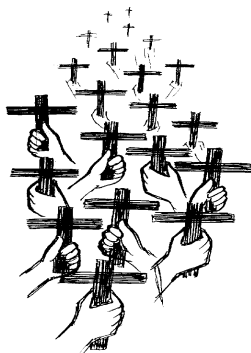


**CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT BISCOP and  
THE CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**



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**16th Sunday after Trinity– 16th 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**

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

Hymns

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**Lay Assistants** (8) Carol Porter

(10.30) Janet Lailey, Joan Parker

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**Servers** (10.30) Rachel Mountford, James Turner

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**Sides** (8) Tony & Veronica Bridgewater

(10.30) Jim & Pat Griffiths,

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Janet Wootton, Pat

Roberts

**Offertory** Allan & Pat Roberts

**Intercession** Chris Welch

**OT Lesson** Derek Bryant

**NT Lesson** Alyson Bryant

**Gospel** Anne Freeman

*Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service*

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Parish Communion**

**Lay Assistant** Peter Cartwright

**Intercession** Laurie Gainer

**Sides** Margaret Springthorpe, David Boucher

**OT Lesson** David Boucher

**NT Lesson** Brian Glover

**Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Thursday's Bede Lunch

## Collect

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 50: 4-9a (NRSV)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are  
taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not  
turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out  
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

## New Testament Lesson James 3: 1-12 (NRSV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know  
that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make  
many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to  
keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of  
horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships:  
though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are  
guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the  
tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The  
tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole  
body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every  
species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has  
been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless  
evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we  
curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come  
blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a  
spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a  
fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can  
salt water yield fresh.

*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 8: 27-38 (NRSV)*

*All: Glory to you, O Lord*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the  
way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered  
him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the  
prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered  
him, 'You are the Messiah.' and he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone  
about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,

and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*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, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018 – TRINITY 17**

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

#### **“Josh is moving to pastures new”**

Having now successfully completed his studies at the Birmingham Conservatoire, our Music Director Josh Xerri will be returning to his homeland Wales, in early October. In the short time available to us we are organising a collection for him and should you wish to make a donation there will be collecting boxes left in both our churches during the Sunday services, alternatively hand your donation to one of the churchwardens.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US**

**Pray that we may see Jesus clearly for who he is**

*He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Mark 8: 29a (NRSV)*

**There were many different opinions about who this healer and preacher was, but Peter gave an inspired answer. Pray that amidst all the conflicting views about Jesus in today's world, we will see him clearly as the Son of God, sent into the world to reconcile mankind to God.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Patricia Jones, Robert Birch, Ken Forder Blakeman, Nancy Steventon, David Ford, Percy Biddle, Gordon Brough and Albert Malcolm Smith.

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

*9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's*

Mon 17	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 18	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 11.00am Nancy Steventon's funeral in church <i>PB</i> 7.30pm Churches Together in Wombourne committee meet at the URC
Wed 19	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 12 noon Percy Biddle's funeral in church <i>PB</i>
Thurs 20	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
Fri 21	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 22	<b>The Music Festival begins</b> 7.30pm <b>The Birmingham Savoyards, including 'Trial by Jury' Tickets £10</b>
Sun 23	6.30pm <b>Josh and Guests (no charge) including light refreshments</b>

**Music Festival 22nd-29th September**

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

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**May we ask that people with Facebook share the link about the Music Festival with their friends**

There are letters about our **Time and Talents** campaign this morning. If you filled in permission for the Data Protection Regulations there will be a named envelope. Unnamed packs are also available ! Please think about and pray about your involvement with our two churches. Completed booklets should be returned to church at our Dedication Festival on the 7th October.

**GETTING TO GRIPS WITH ST PAUL**

7.30pm at St Bart's Penn \* Dr Dave Allen of Queen's Birmingham  
October 4th, 18th, November 8th, 22nd  
(Flyers at both churches)