

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



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**17th Sunday after Trinity – 23rd 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**

Hymns

**8.00am Holy Communion (said)**

821

**10.30am Parish Communion**

536

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

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**Lay Assistants** (8) Susan Williams (10.30) Teresa Guest, Anne Freeman

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**Servers** (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior

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**Sides** (8) Gillian Wilcox

(10.30) Joan Parker,

Barbara Hilditch,

Geoff & Annette Truby

**Offertory** Nigel & Chris Welch

**Intercession** Vicky Bratt

**OT Lesson** Alan Moss

**NT Lesson** Barbara Moss

**Gospel** Mike Frost

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

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Parish Communion**

**Lay Assistant** Brian Glover

**Intercession** Margaret Springthorpe

**Sides** Carol & Dave Godwin

**OT Lesson** Peter Cartwright

**NT Lesson** Maureen Boyce

**Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

Collect

Gracious God  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 11:18-20 (NRSV)

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,  
‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!’

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

New Testament Lesson James 3:13 - 4:3,7-8a (NRSV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

*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 9:30-37 (NRSV)*

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was

the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'  
*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, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – TRINITY 18**

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.

Lots of **Time and Talents** envelopes were left from last week. If you didn't pick up yours please look for it at the back of church. If you haven't filled in a Data Protection form please take one of the unaddressed envelopes. Don't forget to bring them back when we celebrate our Dedication Festival on the 7th October.



### Harvest Lunch - Sunday 14th October

at the Civic Centre 12.30 for 1pm

Tickets £8 (children under secondary school age free)  
are now on sale from Hilary Moore

*Our Harvest Charity is The Well (the Wolverhampton Food*

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

### Pray for a true understanding of leadership

*"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."* Mark 9: 35b (NRSV)  
**Pray for leaders, both in the Church and in the secular world, that they will understand and accept the servant-role of leadership. Pray that we may know the true way of service in all that we are called to do.**

### 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:* Ken Forder Blakeman, Nancy Steventon, Percy Biddle, Gordon Brough, Howard Smith & Albert Malcolm Smith.  
*If you, or one of your family or a friend would like visiting by the clergy or prayers to be said in connection with any matter which is causing anxiety, such as illness, bereavement or a moment of crisis, please contact the Rector.*

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

	<i>9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's</i>
Mon 24	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm PCC meet at the Venerable Bede
Tue 25	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 26	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 27	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 8.00pm Wives' Group at Bede - 'Confessions of a Panto Dame' (Richard Westcott)
Fri 28	12.30pm Ken Forder Blakeman's funeral in church <i>PB</i>
Sat 29	St Michael and All Angels

### WOMBOURNE MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Sun 23 at 6.30pm Josh & Guests** free "Sunday Concert" with light refreshments

**Mon 24 at 2.00pm** we will have the popular "Tea and Cake" concert which this year features Michael D Thompson on piano. (Tickets £6 including a cup of tea and cakes)

**Tue 25 at 1.30pm** Local School Choirs - St James's and Belle Vue (Tickets £3)

**Wed 26 at 1.30pm** Local School Choirs - Blakeley, Corbett and St Benedict Biscop (£3)

**Thur 27 at 1.30pm** Local School Choirs - Westfield and

Highfields High School Choir (£3)

**Fri 28 at 7.30pm** we welcome for the first time "The Kidderminster Male Choir" (£10)

**Our final concert on Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm** celebrates 10 years of the Wombourne Music Festival. To mark this occasion Josh Xerri, our Artistic Director, has gathered together "A Festival Orchestra" and soloists, who will entertain us with some popular Classics, in addition to leading the community singing of the "Last Night of the Proms". (£10)