

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



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**Sunday 14th October 2018**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**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)**

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**10.30am Family Communion      7.00pm Taizé Prayer**

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

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**Lay Assistants** (8) Susan Williams      (10.30) Nigel Welch, Joy Waistell

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**Servers** (10.30) Vicky Bratt, Rachel Mountford

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**Sides** (8) Stan & Joy Capewell      (10.30) Mike & Liz Frost, Andrew &

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Susan Hill

**Offertory** Janet Lailey

**Intercession** Joy Waistell

**1st Reading** Olwyn Grainger    **2nd Reading** Shirley Wall    **Gospel** Martin Garrington

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

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Family Communion**

**Lay Assistant** Peter Cartwright

**Intercession** Laurie Gainer

**Sides** Margaret Springthorpe, David Boucher

**1st Reading** Peter Cartwright    **2nd Reading** Margaret Springthorpe    **Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

Our Harvest Charity is 'The Well' which helps disadvantaged families in and around Wolverhampton.

Collect

Eternal God

you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-16

Moses said, Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

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

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 8-11

Moses said, When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

*Alleluia, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. All: Alleluia.*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)*

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord***

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*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, 21ST OCTOBER 2018 – BIBLE SUNDAY**

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion 3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

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

### Pray for true priorities in our lives

*Jesus said, "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness."*

Matthew 6: 33a (NRSV)

**Jesus has promised that God will satisfy all our needs if we strive in our lives to live as citizens of his kingdom. Pray that we may put aside all the worries and anxieties that sometimes fill our minds, and to trust in God that he will know what we really need, and make that his provision for us.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Those to be married this week:* Thomas Michael Kimpton & Jessica Victoria Flavell.

*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, Bill Tyrer, Ann Aldridge, Margaret Wilkes, Wendy Wilkinson, Irene Haycock, Nora Brooks, John Parker and Brian Edwards.

*Thanksgiving for improvement:* Charlotte Brooks.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Stephen King, Iris Fieldhouse and Meryl Vaccaro.

*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

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

Mon 15	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 16	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 7.30pm Rehearsal of Richard Fisher's Licensing at All Saints Trysull
Wed 17	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 18	St Luke the Evangelist 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 7.30pm Licensing of the Revd Richard Fisher as Team Vicar of Trysull and Bobbington
Fri 19	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 20	2.00pm Jessica Flavell and Tom Kimpton marry at St Benedict's (ocb) PB

Thank you to all those who have decorated the Church for Harvest, and who have prepared the service and the lunch.

### Churches Together Service to celebrate One World Week

6.30pm on Sunday 21st October at the Methodist Church in Common Road.  
Everyone welcome.

Nigel Welch is looking for volunteers to deliver Grapevine magazines. There are 2 rounds: Greenhill Gardens area and Redhill Avenue (it is off Common Road opposite Whites Wood. If anyone could help please contact Nigel in Church or on 324111. Thank you.