

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

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Bible Sunday - 21st October 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)

754

10.30am Parish Communion 3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism

702

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

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Lay Assistants (8) Rosemary Griffiths (10.30) Teresa Guest, Joan Parker

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Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior (afternoon baptisms) Teresa Guest

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Sides (8) Tony & Veronica Bridgewater (10.30) Margaret Hatton,

Shirley Wall,

Sheila Fellows, Alyson Bryant

Offertory Jim & Pat Griffiths

Intercession Joyce Hodgetts

OT Lesson Nigel Welch

NT Lesson Chris Welch

Gospel Wendy Meredith

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Laurie Gainer

Intercession Margaret Springthorpe

Sides Carol & Dave Godwin

OT Lesson David Boucher

NT Lesson Maureen Boyce

Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Collect Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-11 (NRSV)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (NRSV)

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom
you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings
that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All
scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to
God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the
dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or
unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in
teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound
doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers
to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and
wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the
work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

*Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord
is the good news announced to you. All: Alleluia.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 5:36b-47 (NRSV)

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

Jesus said, I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

*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, 28TH OCTOBER 2018 – ST SIMON & ST JUDE

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Communion by Extension

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Communion by Extension

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's Harvest Celebrations and who made a gift to "The Well".

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may believe in the works of Jesus

Jesus said, "The very works that I am doing testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me." John 5: 36b (NRSV)

The gospels are full not only of the words of Jesus, but of all that he did. Pray that, as we read about the works and words of Jesus, the Holy Spirit will inspire us so that the written words will lead us from Jesus to the power and the glory of the Father.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be baptised this afternoon: Luke Cyster, Peyton Winnie Atkins, Eadie Rose Spreadbury, Merida Rae Danks.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Jan Glover, Sarah Stephenson, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Ken Hill, Thelma Cooper, Edna Kelly, George Moorhouse, Ann Aldridge, Margaret Wilkes, Wendy Wilkinson, Irene Haycock, Nora Brooks, John Parker, Brian Edwards and Marie.

Those who have died recently and their families: Iris Fieldhouse, Meryl Vaccaro, Bill Tyrer and Pat Brandwick.

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

6.30pm tonight One World Week Service at the Methodist Church. All welcome.

Mon 22	10.00am Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 23	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 24	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 25	11.00am Communion by Extension at the Venerable Bede 8.00pm Church Wives' at Bede – British Legion talk (Richard Painter)
Fri 26	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

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.

Time and Talents

Still quite a few response booklets to come in. Please give them to one of the churchwardens or hand them in at the Parish Office or the Vicarage.