

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



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Sunday 25th November 2018

Christ the King

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	Hymns
Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand		422
Lay Assistants (8) Susan Williams	(10.30) Teresa Guest, Anne Freeman	769
Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Colin Prior		232
Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox	(10.30) Martin Garrington, Hilary Moore,	454 c
	Allan & Pat Roberts	794 c
Offertory Janet Aldridge	Intercession Joy Waistell	612
OT Lesson Angela Pickering	NT Lesson Shirley Wall	Gospel Rachel
Mountford		

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Jan Glover	Intercession Peter Cartwright
Sides Kathleen Ogden, Dorothy Brewerton	
OT or NT Lesson Brian Glover	Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Messy Advent this afternoon.

Making Advent Calendars, Craft, Bible stories and tea for all the family.
Please let Sarah know if you are coming.

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 (NRSV)*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

New Testament Reading *Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSV)*

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. All: Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’

Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’

Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’

Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’

Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

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, 2ND DECEMBER 2018 – ADVENT SUNDAY

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

The Well (Wolverhampton Food Bank)

There will be our usual Christmas Foodbank Collection on **Advent Sunday, 2nd December** at St Benedict's and the Bede. If you are able to donate any dried food (tins of fruit/veg. rice, pasta, tea, coffee, biscuits) or a Christmas packet of chocolate, biscuits or mince pies etc, these would be most welcome for our donation to The Well. *Thank you.*

The Music Festival Christmas Concerts

Wednesday 5th December. Christmas Music and Christmas Cakes, an afternoon concert with Michael Thompson on piano. Start 2.00pm. Tickets £6.

Saturday 15th December. A Christmas Concert with Acoustic Voices. Start 7.30pm. Tickets £5.

Tickets available from Pat Roberts, Nigel Welch, Pam Purves and "Taylors" Greengrocers, Church Road.

If you are going to the Service on the 4th December to celebrate the life of Stephen King, it would be very helpful if you would sign your name on the list at the back of church so that the caterers can be given the numbers attending. Please reply by December 1st.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may listen to the truth

Jesus said, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18: 37b (NRSV)

Pray that we may put aside the scepticism and cynicism shown by Pilate who questioned the very idea of truth; and listen to Jesus, our King, determined to follow him, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Ken Hill, George Moorhouse, Ann Aldridge, Margaret Wilkes, Brian Edwards, Marie, Rachel and Diana.

Those who have died recently and their families: John Jordan, Margaret Ennis, Glenis Vine, Iris Meredith, John Gough and John Carter.

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

Today	3.30pm Messy Advent at the Venerable Bede
Mon 26	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm PCC at the Venerable Bede
Tue 27	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 28	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 29	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 12.30pm John Carter's funeral in church <i>PB</i>
Fri 30	St Andrew the Apostle 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 1 Dec	10am till 1pm Advent Fayre at the Civic Centre (see below)
Sun 2	Advent Sunday 6.30pm The Advent Carol Service at All Saints Trysull

Advent Fayre at the Civic Centre - Saturday 1st December 10.00am till 1.00pm

NIGEL WELCH would like bottles of drinks only, from Soft Drinks to Fizz, for the Tombola please. Leave in church or phone on 01902 32411

DAVID CRATHORNE would be grateful for any unwanted DVDs only.

CAROL GODWIN would be pleased to have gifts for her Gift Tombola.

SARAH would be happy to have toys etc. for the Children's stall.