

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



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## Advent Sunday – 2nd December 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)      10.30am Parish Communion**      41

**Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand**      30

**Lay Assistants** (8) Carol Porter      (10.30) Nigel Welch, Joan Parker      39

**Servers** (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior      421 c

**Sides** (8) Caterina & Richard Gilbert      (10.30) Mike & Liz Frost,      29 c

Andrew & Susan Hill      26

**Offertory** Alan & Barbara Moss      **Intercession** Joyce Hodgetts

**OT Lesson** Alyson Bryant      **NT Lesson** Derek Bryant      **Gospel** Keith Whittaker

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

#### CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

**9.00am Parish Communion with the ministry of healing**

**Lay Assistant** Laurie Gainer      Laurie Gainer (healing)

**Sides** Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

**OT or NT Lesson** Peter Cartwright      **Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

Today we have a Christmas collection for the Well, which helps families in need.  
 Christmas themed items particularly welcome.

Year C starts

Collect Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSV)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

*Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. All: Alleluia*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)*

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable:

'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly,

like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'  
*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, 9TH DECEMBER 2018 – ADVENT 2**

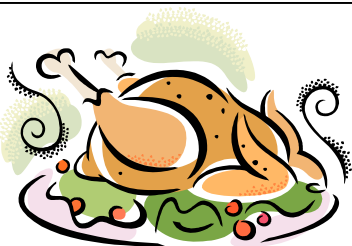
St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism

4.00pm The Christingle

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT BEDE

Thursday, December 13th

12 noon after Communion

Full turkey dinner - including sherry & wine  
and mince pies.

Cost £10

### CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP AT THE VENERABLE BEDE

**2.00 - 4.00pm on Saturday 15th December**

Great fun for children and young people of primary school age. If you can help please  
contact Sarah. 07702 376169

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

**Pray that we may discern the signs of the kingdom of God**

*Jesus said, "When you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Luke 21: 31 (NRSV)*

**The signs of God's kingdom are all around us. Pray that we may be able to discern God at work in his world, and that we may encourage that work in ourselves and in other people.**

**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, Diana and June Hill.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Iris Meredith, John Carter and Margaret Sarah Haines.

*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*

**This evening 6.30 The Advent Carol Service at All Saints' Trysull with combined choirs**

Mon 3	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 4	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 2.30pm Memorial Service for Stephen King
Wed 5	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 9.30am Pastoral Group meet. Have you noticed anyone missing from church? 2.00pm Christmas Music and Christmas Cakes with Michael Thompson on piano (see below)
Thurs 6	St. Nicholas 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede Wives' Group - Christmas Meal at Springhill, Penn
Fri 7	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

**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.*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to yesterday's Advent Fayre.

Thank you to everyone who led and helped with last week's Messy Advent.

Lots of children and adults had great fun making Advent Calendars