

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

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The Second Sunday of Advent – 9th 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)

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10.30am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism

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4.00pm The Christingle

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

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Lay Assistants (8) Rosemary Griffiths (10.30) Chris Welch, Olwyn Grainger

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Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Rachel Mountford

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Sides (8) Joy Capewell, Liz Richardson (10.30) Margaret Hatton,
Shirley Wall,

Sheila Fellows, Alyson Bryant

Offertory Jim & Pat Griffiths

OT Lesson David Guest

NT Lesson Teresa Guest

Gospel Joy Waistell

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Brian Glover

Intercession Laurie Gainer

Sides Carol & Dave Godwin

OT or NT Lesson David Boucher

Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

In the season of colds etc. if you wish to receive the consecrated wine by intinction please make sure that you dip only the very edge of the consecrated wafer in the wine. If your hand is unsteady please receive only the host which is the complete sacrament.

Collect Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson *Malachi 3:1-4 (NRSV)*

Thus says the Lord God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

New Testament Lesson *Philippians 1:3-11 (NRSV)*

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written

in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'"
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, 16TH DECEMBER 2018 – ADVENT 3

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



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT BEDE

Thursday, December 13th ~ 12 noon after Communion
Full turkey dinner - including sherry & wine
and mince pies. Cost £10

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously with such wonderful Christmas food items for our collection last Sunday for The Well.
The response was overwhelming and very much appreciated by the Foodbank.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may encourage God's kingdom to grow

John proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Luke 3: 4b (NRSV)

Much in this world (and maybe in ourselves) hinders the growth of God's kingdom.

Pray for all who work to help others to understand and receive the love of God.

Pray that we may do all we can to show that love in our words and in our lives.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Renai Johanna Audrey Richardson *who is to be baptised this morning.*

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Ken Hill, Margaret Wilkes, Brian Edwards, Marie, Rachel, Diana, June Hill, Betty Gough and Roy Wootton.

Those who have died recently and their families: Margaret Sarah Haines and Mary Ockerman Davies.

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 10	10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm The Team Council meet at the Venerable Bede
Tue 11	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 8.00pm The Guild of Servers meet at St Benedict's for the Guild Office
Wed 12	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 13	11.00am Holy Communion with carols at the Venerable Bede 12 noon Christmas Lunch (booking essential) see p3 2.00pm Blakeley Carol Service in church 7.30pm Churches Together Carol Service at the Civic Centre ~ All welcome
Fri 14	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 15	2.00– 4.00pm Children's Christmas Workshop (see below) 7.30pm Christmas Concert with Acoustic Voices ~ tickets £5

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP AT THE VENERABLE BEDE

Saturday 15th December 2pm-4pm £2 per child

Great fun for children and young people of primary school age.
To book a place or for more information please contact Sarah on
07702 376169.

Sarah is looking for helpers - please contact her if you can help.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported Wednesday
afternoon's excellent concert.

The Advent Fayre raised £2,300. Thank you to everyone who contributed.