

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



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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 23rd 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

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

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Lay Assistants (8) Susan Williams (10.30) Janet Lailey, David Crathorne

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Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Martin Willetts

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Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox

(10.30) Frank & Pauline Haycock,

Jim & Pat Griffiths

Offertory Beverley Tyer

Intercession Joyce Hodgetts

OT Lesson Colin Prior

NT Lesson Chris Welch

Gospel Mike Frost

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Jan Glover

Intercession Laurie Gainer

Sides Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

OT or NT Lesson Brian Glover

Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21st December until
Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth-pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5:2-5a (NRSV)

The Lord says to his people:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10 (NRSV)

When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).’

When Christ said, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-45 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?’

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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, 30TH DECEMBER 2018 – CHRISTMAS 1

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

Our Christmas Charity is the Smile Train, which helps children with facial problems.

Smile Train is an international children's charity that supports 100%-free cleft repair surgery and comprehensive cleft care for children globally. Our sustainable model empowers local medical professionals to provide cleft care in their own communities. We use the "teach a man to fish" model focusing on training local doctors to perform cleft repair surgery and provide comprehensive cleft care in their own communities. Those doctors then go on to train other doctors creating a long-term, sustainable system. Every child with a cleft needs more than just surgery – they may also need dental care, orthodontics, and speech therapy. Where these services are available, we do everything we can to provide them to our patients. As a result of our efficiency, Smile Train has supported more than one million cleft surgeries since 1999. Every 5 minutes, a child receives their life-changing cleft repair surgery.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for a response to God's call

Elizabeth exclaimed. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1: 42 (NRSV)

Elizabeth encouraged and strengthened Mary when she was overwhelmed and confused. Thank God for all that has been done to encourage women in their lives, from the suffrage movement onwards. Pray for all, both men and women, to perceive and respond to their call from God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Barbara, Betty Gough and Tracey Morgan.

Thanksgiving for improvement: Roy Wootton.

Those who have died recently and their families: Brenda Irene Smith and Hazel Noreen Brotherton.

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 24

Christmas Eve

9.00am Morning Prayer
4.00pm First Crib Service
5.30pm Second Crib Service
7.30pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tue 25

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
9.00am Family Communion
(at the Venerable Bede)
10.30am Family Communion

Wed 26

St Stephen
No services

Thurs 27

St John
No services

Fri 28

Holy Innocents
No services
No Choir practice at St Benedict's



Thursday, 10th January 2019 at the Bede Hall
Lunch at 12 noon after 11.00am Communion. Cost £5.
Book with Anne on 895075.

