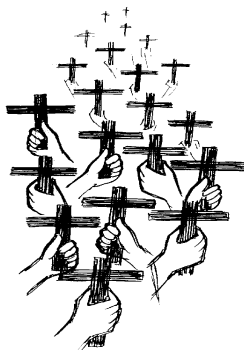


**CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT BISCOP and
THE CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**



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First Sunday of Christmas – 30th 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

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

Hymns

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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) Bryan Johns (10.30) Heather Yeates, Anne Freeman

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Servers (10.30) Vicky Bratt, Colin Prior

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Sides (8) Liz Richardson (10.30) Joan Parker, Barbara Hilditch,

Geoff & Annette Truby

Offertory Frank & Pauline Haycock

Intercession Nigel Welch

OT Lesson Joan Parker

NT Lesson Martin Garrington

Gospel Janet Lailey

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

The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Collect God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (NRSV)

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

New Testament Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in

the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.
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, 6TH JANUARY 2019 – THE EPIPHANY

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that young people may be encouraged to use their gifts

They found [Jesus] in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” Luke 2: 46 (NRSV)

Pray for all who educate the young, that they may encourage their students to use their talents and develop their gifts from the earliest part of their lives.

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.

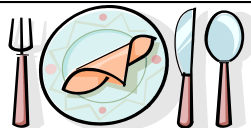
EVENTS THIS WEEK

9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's

Mon 31	No Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 1 Jan	There are no services today
Wed 2	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 3	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 1.00pm Funeral of Brenda Smith at St Benedict's PB
Fri 4	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Christmas services and to everyone who has helped to decorate the churches.

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



TUESDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2019

We send our congratulations to Barbara Webb who is 90 today.

