

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



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**Sunday 6th January 2019**

**The Epiphany**

**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**

**6.30pm Evensong**

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

Hymns

103

96

98

93

446

86

**Lay Assistants** (8) Susan Williams (10.30) Teresa Guest, David

Craythorne

**Servers** (10.30) Heather Yeates, Rachel Mountford

**Sides** (8) Caterina & Richard Gilbert (10.30) David & Chris Crathorne,

Keith Whittaker, Olwyn Grainger

**Offertory** Joy Waistell

**Intercession** Chris

Welch

**OT Lesson** Allan Roberts **NT Lesson** Christina Forder Blakeman **Gospel**

Clergy

**EVENSONG** **First reading** Isaiah 60: 1-9 (NIV p.746) Carol Porter

**Second reading** John 2: 1-11 (NIV p.1064) Angela Pickering

**Officiant** Revd. Paul

**Server** Laurie Gainer

**Sides** Carol

Porter

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

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Parish Communion**

**Lay Assistant** Peter Cartwright

**Intercession** Laurie

Gainer

**Sides** Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

## Collect

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
*This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God*

## New Testament Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSV)

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.  
In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.  
*This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. All: Alleluia.*  
*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)*  
*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*  
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'  
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*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, 13TH JANUARY 2019 – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism

7.00pm Taizé Prayer

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

The amount received for the Christmas charity was £2,246.17

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

### Pray for the light of Christ to transform the world

*The star they had seen at its rising ... stopped over the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2 9b (NRSV)

The Magi followed the light of the star until they found the child, Jesus. Pray that the people of this world will be led, like the Magi, to that greater light, Jesus Christ. Pray that *our* lives, too, may shine like stars with that light, leading those we meet to Jesus.

Luke 3: from v. 16 (NRSV)

### 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, Tracey Morgan, Elaine, Caroline and Tiana Willetts.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Brenda Irene Smith, Revd. Fraser Williams, Robert George Longman, Francis John Dunn, Hazel Noreen Brotherton, Linda Ann Cox and Douglas Henry Jones.

*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 7

10-11am Little Fish at St Benedict's

7.30pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage

Tue 8

9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's and staff meeting

8.00pm Baptism preparation at the Wombourne Institute

Wed 9

9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's

9.30am Pastoral Group meet

Thurs 10

11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede

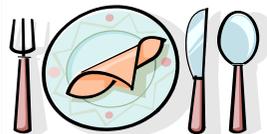
12 noon Lunch at the Bede Hall (see below)

7.30pm Wives' Eucharist and Faith Supper at the Venerable Bede

Fri 11

9.30am St Benedict's School service

7.00pm 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.

### Stewardship Envelopes

Nigel Welch is preparing the new envelopes for 2019, which will be available in February. If anyone would like to join the envelope scheme, change to or start a Standing Order, or has changed any personal details, would they let Nigel know ASAP please. Contact: 01902 324111/womwelch@hotmail.com or in Church. Thank you.