

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



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Third Sunday of Epiphany – 20th January 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)

10.30am Parish Communion

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

Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter (10.30) Janet Lailey, Joy Waistell

Servers (10.30) Martin Willetts, Colin Prior

Sides (8) Tony & Veronica Bridgewater (10.30) Geoff & Annette Truby

Joan Parker, Barbara Hilditch
Intercession Joyce

Offertory Allan & Pat Roberts
Hodgetts

OT Lesson Keith Whittaker **NT Lesson** Susan Hill **Gospel** Wendy Meredith

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Laurie Gainer or Peter Cartwright **Intercession** Laurie Gainer

Refreshing the paintwork at the Venerable Bede

Some of the paintwork at Bede is getting a bit tatty. Can you bring your paintbrush along on Monday evening from 7.30pm? Paint provided !

Collect

God of all mercy
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
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 John 2:1-11 (NRSV)
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the

jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
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, 27TH JANUARY 2018 – EPIPHANY 4

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion

*6.30pm Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
at the Methodist Church. Preacher the Rector.*

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

Wanted : One Churchwarden!

As you may, or may not be aware, after four years' sterling service Roy Wootton's tenure as Churchwarden comes to an end in April. We are therefore looking for someone to succeed him and take on this important role in the church.

If you are interested and would like to find out more then please contact the Rector, Roy or Derek Bryant who will be happy to discuss this position with you.

A Valentines Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 14th February, 2pm at The Bede

Tickets £7.50 available from Chris Welch or Anne Freeman



PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for all who have exchanged marriage vows

Jesus and his disciples had been invited to the wedding. John 2: 2 (NRSV)

Pray for the presence of Jesus in the hearts of all who make promises before the altar. Pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen each couple, enabling them to remain faithful to their vows through good times and bad.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew & Lily Powney, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Rachel, Diana, Barbara,
Tracey Morgan, Elaine, Tiana Willetts, Rosie, Christine Crathorne,
Ann Aldridge, Chris Davies and Paul Gordon England.

Those who have died recently and their families: Linda Cox, Douglas Jones,
Carolyn Phillips, Beryl Smith, Lilian May Dawson and Marie.

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 21	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 12 noon Ecumenical Prayers at St Bernadette's 7.30pm Refreshing paintwork at Bede
Tue 22	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 12 noon Ecumenical Prayers at Kingsway
Wed 23	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 12 noon Ecumenical Prayers at the Methodist Church
Thurs 24	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 12 noon Ecumenical Prayers at the URC 5.30pm St Benedict's School Governors 8.00pm Wives' Group – Upstairs Downstairs (Patricia Boyd)
Fri 25	The Conversion of St Paul 12 noon Ecumenical Prayers at St Benedict's 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Please join us as we pray around the five denominations during the week.
Each service will last about 20 minutes.

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.

Carolyn Phillips Memorial service will be on Friday 8th February
at 2.30pm in St Benedict's