

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

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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – 27th January 2019

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

Hymns

690

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

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Lay Assistants (8) Bryan Johns

(10.30) Vicky Bratt, Olwyn Grainger

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Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Rachel Mountford

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Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox

(10.30) Colin Prior, Janet Wootton,

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Alyson Bryant, Joy Waistell

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Offertory Graham Bradley

Intercession Roy

Wootton

OT Lesson Chris Welch

NT Lesson Nigel Welch

Gospel Rachel

Mountford

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Brian Glover

Intercession Peter

Cartwright

Sides Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

OT or NT Lesson Jan Glover

Gospel Clergy

The new green Stewardship Envelopes are available at the back of Church for you to collect. Please only use the new ones from next Sunday and discard any yellow ones you may have left. If you can deliver any to a neighbour or friend who may not be here I would be grateful. *Nigel Welch.*

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 (NRSV)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NRSV)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do

all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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 Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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, 3RD FEBRUARY 2019 – CANDLEMAS

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion – Celebrating Candlemas with St Benedict's School

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 we may be good news to all

“He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.” Luke 4: from v. 18 (NRSV)

Jesus was more than the prophesy in Isaiah - he brought good news for *everyone* if they would accept it. Pray that in our words and actions, we may live that good news, so that all those we meet may welcome Jesus to the centre of their own lives.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have asked for our 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: Carolyn Phillips, Beryl Smith, Lilian May Dawson, Marie and Doreen Muriel Sadler.

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

Tonight at 6.30: Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Methodist Church, Common Road – Preacher: the Rector

Mon 28	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm P.C.C. meet at the Venerable Bede
Tue 29	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 30	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 31	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
Fri Feb 1	No Choir practice at St Benedict's

Saturday 30th March 2019

Concert featuring **“The National Flute Orchestra”**
Conductor : Tony Bridgewater
at St Benedict Biscop Church. Tickets £8 on sale soon.

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

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