

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



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Sunday 3rd February 2019

Candlemas

*We welcome members of St Benedict's School to our Festival
Communion for Candlemas*

*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
Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand		113
Lay Assistants (8) Rosemary Griffiths	(10.30 Nigel Welch, Joan Parker)	396
Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Martin Willetts		42
Sides (8) Caterina & Richard Gilbert	(10.30) Martin Garrington, Hilary Moore,	74 c
	Allan & Pat Roberts	464 c
Offertory School	Intercession School	719
Readings by St Benedict's School		
EVENSONG	First reading Haggai 2: 1-9 (NIV p.948) Susan Williams	
	Second reading John 2:18-22 (NIV p.1065) Angela Pickering	
Officiant Susan Williams	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 Laurie Gainer **Intercession Peter Cartwright**
Sides Carol & Dave Godwin
OT or NT Lesson David Boucher **Gospel Clergy**

Pastoral Visiting

Have you missed anyone from Church? Please let the Rector or Wardens know

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-5 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight -indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 2:14-18 (NRSV)

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother

were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon 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, 10TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 4 BEFORE LENT

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

3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism 7.00pm Taizé Prayer

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

Saturday 30th March 2019

Concert featuring **"The National Flute Orchestra"**

Conductor : Tony Bridgewater

at St Benedict Biscop Church. Tickets £8 on sale soon.

Dementia Training: There is a course at the Church at Perton called Dementia Friendly Churches on Wednesday evenings – 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 13th March, 27th March.

It will cover Pastoral Care, Church Services, our Buildings and Community networks.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that our hearts may be open to perceive God at work

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple Luke 2: 27a (NRSV)

Simeon was eager to see the promises of God fulfilled. Pray that we may have the same desire to see God at work in his world today, and to discover how we can be a part of that work, so that we to may be “a light for revelation” to the people.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be married this week: Karim Donald Slimane & Rebecca Hannah Boucher.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Tony Jones, John, Rob, Rachel, Diana, Barbara, Tracey Morgan, Elaine, Tiana Willetts, Rosie, Chris Davies, Christine Crathorne, Ann Aldridge, Paul England, Chris Pool, Thelma and June Hill.

Thanksgiving for improvement: Heather Gent.

Those who have died recently and their families: Carolyn Phillips, 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

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| Mon 4 | 10am Little Fish at St Benedict's |
| Tue 5 | 9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's |
| Wed 6 | 9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
9.20am Pastoral visitors meeting
7.30pm Deanery Synod meet |
| Thurs 7 | 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
7.30pm Safeguarding training at the Vicarage |
| Fri 8 | 2.30pm Carolyn Phillips Memorial Service in church <i>PB</i>
7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's |
| Sat 9 | 12 noon Rebecca Boucher & Karim Slimane marry at St Benedict's (o c b) <i>PB</i> |

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.*

Family Service at the Venerable Bede

The P.C.C. are thinking about restarting a monthly Family Service at the Ven Bede. If you would be interested in joining a Ministry Team to prepare and be involved with this initiative please see one of the Wardens.

A Valentines Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 14th February, 2pm at The Bede

Tickets £7.50 available from Chris Welch or Anne Freeman

