

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

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Third Sunday before Lent – 17th February 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

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

Hymns

584

602

547

Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter

(10.30) Teresa Guest, David

Crathorne

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Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior

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Sides (8) Tony & Veronica Bridgewater

(10.30) Margaret Hatton, Shirley Wall,

Sheila Fellows, Alyson Bryant

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Offertory Olwyn Grainger

Intercession Joy

Waistell

OT Lesson Derek Bryant

NT Lesson Alyson Bryant

Gospel Richard

Green

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Jan Glover

Intercession Peter

Cartwright

Sides Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported
the afternoon tea for Valentines Day.

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NRSV)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. *This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.***

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

*All: **Alleluia!***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors

did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. *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, 24TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 2 BEFORE LENT

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand



The World Day of Prayer

The service is 2.00pm at The Kingsway Church on Friday 1st March
Everybody welcome

WIVES' GROUP

Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Thursday 27th June (full day).
Interested ??? Contact Chris Crathorne 896071 or see Pat Roberts in Church.

Ash Wednesday and Palm Crosses

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is just three weeks away
(6th March). The Team Service of Holy Communion will be at
St Benedict's at 7.30pm. Wanted any old Palm Crosses that you can return
to church for the Ash.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for the poor, hungry and distressed

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God...” Luke 6: 20b (NRSV)

Pray for those in the world whose only hope is in the promises of these verses. Pray for those who work to fulfil these promises (enriching the poor, feeding the hungry and comforting the distressed) in *this* world as a sign of the rewards in the world to come.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Rob, Rachel, Diana, Barbara, Tracey Morgan, Tiana Willetts, Rosie, Chris Davies, Christine Crathorne, Chris Pool, Thelma, June Hill, Betty Gough, Jim Griffiths, Joyce Hodgetts and Brian Edwards.

Those who have died recently and their families: Doreen Sadler, Frederick Brocklehurst, Lisa Chorzempa and Andrew Evans.

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 18	No Little Fish at St Benedict's (half term)
Tue 19	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 20	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 21	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
Fri 22	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

A journey through Lent with Bishop Steven Croft

Each of the 40 days of Lent has a recommended bible passage to reflect on based on the Beatitudes, with a reflection prayer and suggestion for action. The Rector's recommendation for Lent £2.99. Please sign the lists in Church if you wish to join our Lenten Pilgrimage.

Confirmation and Baptism Training

Younger members. We hope to start Baptism and Confirmation Training at the beginning of March. The meetings will be at 5.00pm on Wednesday evenings. Participants should be in school years 5, 6 or 7. Please contact the Rector for more details or to register.

For Adults. We hope to run two groups. Revd Sue Watson will run one on a Tuesday morning at the Venerable Bede starting on 26th February. The Rector will run a second course on a Thursday evening starting on 14th March.

Please let Maxine know in the Parish Office if you would like to join either group.