

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

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Second Sunday before Lent – 24th 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	Hymns
		532
Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand		285
Lay Assistants (8) Bryan Johns	(10.30) Vicky Bratt, Richard Green	276
Servers (10.30) Rachel Mountford, Martin Willetts		764 c
Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox, Kathleen Wickham	(10.30) David Crathorne,	469 c
	Keith Whittaker, Olwyn Grainger	593
Offertory Alan & Barbara Moss	Intercession Roy Wootton	
OT Lesson Hilary Moore	NT Lesson Mike Frost	Gospel Shirley Wall

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 Carol & Dave Godwin	
OT or NT Lesson Peter Cartwright	Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 (NRSV)

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

New Testament Lesson Revelation 4 (NRSV)

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside.

Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

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 8: 22-25 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey 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, 3RD MARCH 2019 – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion with the ministry of healing

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for those at the mercy of the elements

"Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

Luke 8: 25b (NRSV)

Pray for all those who suffer as a result of fires, floods, storms, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Pray for wisdom in the use of earth's resources, so that these events are minimised. Pray that the world will heed the prophetic warnings about global warming.

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, Jim Griffiths, Joyce Hodgetts, Brian Edwards and Heather Gent.

Those who have died recently and their families: Frederick Arthur Brocklehurst, Lisa Jane Chorzempa, Andrew Mark Evans and Betty Gough.

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 25	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's
	8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet at St Benedict's
Tue 26	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 27	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 28	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
	8.00pm Wives' Group at Bede - Working in the Pacific (Susan Williams)
Fri 1 Mar	2.00pm World Day of Prayer at The Kingsway Church
	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's



SHROVE TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Pancakes and soup - 12 noon at the Bede Hall - cost £5

To book a place please call Anne on 895075

All profits to Macmillan Cancer Care

ASH WEDNESDAY AND PALM CROSSES

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is on 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



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.