

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

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## The Sunday before Lent – 3rd March 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

422

**6.30pm Evensong**

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

358

**Lay Assistants (8)** Susan Williams

(10.30) Vicky Bratt, Joy Waistell

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**Servers (10.30)** Heather Yeates, Colin Prior

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**Sides (8)** Caterina & Richard Gilbert

(10.30) Frank & Pauline Haycock,

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Jim & Pat Griffiths

**Readings, Intercession, Offertory:** Guides

**EVENSONG**

**First reading** Exodus 3:1-6 (NIV p.59) Carol Porter

**Second reading** John 12:27-36a (NIV p.1080) Susan Williams

**Officiant** Laurie Gainer

**Sides** Carol Porter

*Please join us for cakes and Bucks Fizz after the 10.30am service*

#### CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

**9.00am Parish Communion with the ministry of healing**

**Lay Assistant** Laurie Gainer

Laurie Gainer (healing)

**Sides** Kathleen Ogden, Dorothy Brewerton

**OT or NT Lesson** David Boucher

**Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

We welcome the Guides this morning at the beginning of their celebration of 50 years of our Church Guides.

## Collect

Holy God.

you know the disorder of our sinful lives:

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Lesson Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

## New Testament Lesson. A reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians The Greater Glory of the New Covenant

We are not like Moses, who had to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not see the brightness fade and disappear.

Their minds, indeed, were closed; and to this very day their minds are covered with the same veil as they read the books of the old covenant.

The veil is removed only when a person is joined to Christ.

Even today, whenever they read the Law of Moses, the veil still covers their minds. But it can be removed, as the scripture says about Moses:

“His veil was removed when he turned to the Lord.”

Now, “the Lord” in this passage is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom.

All of us, then, reflect the glory of the Lord with uncovered faces;

and that same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into his likeness in an ever greater degree of glory. God in his mercy has given us this work to do, and so we are not discouraged.

We put aside all secret and shameful deeds; we do not act with deceit, nor do we falsify the word of God.

In the full light of truth we live in God's sight and try to commend ourselves to everyone's good conscience

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

*Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. All: Alleluia.*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)*

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.  
*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 MARCH 2019 – LENT 1  
and Stewardship Renewal Sunday**

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion    10.30am Parish Communion  
3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism    7.00pm Taizé Prayer

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion  
Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

**Steward Renewal.** Martin our Treasurer has warned us that even though there was no unexpected or unplanned expenditure last year, some of our expected and planned income did not materialise in the last quarter of the year. If this is projected forward, what we hoped would be a balanced budget is now in deficit. It is 6 years since our last Stewardship Campaign with a focus on "treasure" and so next week we will be asking members of our church family to review their giving to enable us to cover some of our increased costs. 6 years since

#### **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.

\* 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 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 who have asked for our prayers:* Andrew & Lily Powney, Rob, Rachel, Diana, Barbara, Tracey Morgan, Tiana Willetts, Rosie, Chris Davies, Chris Pool, Thelma, June Hill, Joyce Hodgetts, Brian Edwards and Heather Gent.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Lisa Chorzempa, Andrew Evans, Betty Gough, Ken Hill, Gertrude Thomas and Iris Rogers.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 4	9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's 10am Little Fish at St Benedict's St Chad's Day at the Cathedral
Tue 5	8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet at St Benedict's Shrove Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 12 noon Shrove Tuesday Lunch at the Bede (see below)
Wed 6	8.00pm Baptism preparation at the Wombourne Institute ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>Bede</b> 9.30am St Benedict's School Service
Thurs 7	* 7.30pm Team Eucharist for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of Ashes 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
Fri 8	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*

### ELECTORAL ROLL

This year a completely new Electoral Roll is being prepared and it is therefore necessary for **EVERYONE** to complete an enrolment form. These forms are available at the back of church from a churchwarden and when completed should be returned as soon as possible to **Hilary Moore**.

**WIVES' GROUP** Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Thursday 27 June (full day). Interested? Contact Chris Crathorne 896071 / Pat Roberts in Church