

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

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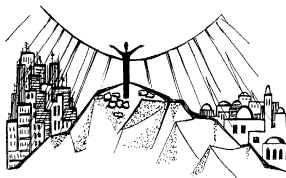
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The First Sunday of Lent – 10th March 2019 Stewardship Renewal Sunday

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
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3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism	7.00pm Taizé Prayer
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Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand

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Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter (10.30) Janet Lailey, Olwyn Grainger		437 c
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Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Martin Willetts (Afternoon baptism) Chris		487
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Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox, Kathleen Wickham (10.30) Joan Parker,

Barbara Hilditch,

Geoff & Annette Truby

Offertory Allan & Pat Roberts

Intercession Chris

Welch

OT Lesson Shirley Wall

NT Lesson Alan Brain

Gospel Heather

Yeates

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

Sarah is looking for helpers at the next Messy Church on Sunday 17th March from 3.30pm at the Bede. If you can help please contact her:

sarah@stbenedictbiscop.org.uk

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

New Testament Lesson Romans 10:8b-13 (NRSV)

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' "

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' "

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *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, 17TH MARCH 2019 – LENT 2

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

Wombourne Music Festival Committee

"The National Flute Orchestra"

Conductor : Tony Bridgewater

7.30pm at St Benedict's on Saturday 30th March

Tickets £8 available from Taylor's Greengrocer, Pat Roberts 896211,
Nigel Welch 324111.

Plastic's Lent Challenge

Guides available at the back of church

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may always be alert to fight temptation

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:13 (NRSV)

Jesus had won the battle, but not the war. Pray that God will help us to remember that temptation comes when we least expect it, and to be ready to resist in the strength of God; God, who has promised that we will not be tempted beyond our strength.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be baptised this afternoon: Cruz Courtney Davies, Isabelle Rose Elcocks, Casper Ruben Jones and Amelia Grace McGoldick.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Rob, Rachel, Diana, 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: Andrew Evans, Betty Gough, Ken Hill, Gertrude Thomas, Iris Rogers and Iris Winifred Mackveley.

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

	<i>9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's</i>
Mon 11	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 1.00pm Kenneth Hill's funeral in church PB 7.30pm Team Council 8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
Tue 12	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's followed by Greater Staff mtg. Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church (12.30pm Meditation 1.00pm Lunch)
Wed 13	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's followed by Pastoral Group meeting 5.00pm Young People's Confirmation Training at the Wombourne Institute
Thurs 14	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 7.30pm Adult Confirmation Training at the Vicarage
Fri 15	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the Shrove Tuesday Lunch. £533.50 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Care

The Bible Society The Greatest Story ever toured at the Rising Brook Community Church in Stafford on Friday 15th March 7.30-10.00pm

Comedian Paul Kerensa with theologian Dr Andrew Ollerton (creator of The Bible Course), together will explain how the Bible's key events, books and characters fit together. For further information go on line:

www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-gset-2019-stafford/