

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

8am & 9am

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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent – 31st March 2019
Mothering 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 Family Communion with Hymns
special activities in Sunday Club and the blessing of flowers 394
Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand 136

Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter (10.30) Chris Welch, Susan Williams, 315
Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Colin Prior David Crathorne, Joy 137 c
Waistell 438 c
Sides (8) Liz Richardson, Penny Taylor (10.30) Mike & Liz Frost, 638

Andrew & Susan Hill
Offertory Frank & Pauline Haycock Intercession Nigel
Welch

Gospel Christina Forder Blakeman

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Family Communion with the blessing of flowers

Lay Assistant Peter Cartwright Intercession Peter
Cartwright

Sides Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

NT Lesson David Boucher Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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 John 13:12-17, 33-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

After Jesus had washed the disciples feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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, 7TH APRIL 2019 – PASSIONTIDE

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

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

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

READER TRAINING

Thinking about Reader Training but not sure what it looks like? Interested in knowing more? Why not come along to a Reader Training Taster Evening on **Monday 1st July at The Church at Perton, Anders Square, Perton** Designed to give you a broad introduction to the content and expectations of Reader Training - it's a great opportunity to gain insight and ask any questions you may have. The programme for the evening is as follows:

6.30pm Gathering Worship * 6.45pm Introduction with refreshments

* 7.30pm Teaching Session * 8.45pm Closing Worship

To book a place email: helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org

EASTER LILIES

Forms are at the back of church to fill in if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one; or speak to Chris Welch. (suggested donation £2 per lily)

Forms must be returned by Palm Sunday 14th April to Chris, Pauline Haycock, or Maxine Lockhart (at 8.00am)

Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd care for the homeless by providing food and shelter. They are in great need of food items. Could you please help by bringing tea, coffee, sugar or just a tin of soup, beans etc.

The collection will be on Passion Sunday, 7 April. Thank you. (Janet Lailey)

Electoral Roll. Please return your completed Electoral Roll form as soon as possible to church, the Parish Office or to Hilary Moore. Don't forget everyone has to complete a new form this year.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for the relationship between parents and children

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him."

Luke 2: 33 (NRSV)

It is natural for parents to find the children's achievements amazing and something to boast about. Pray that parents will be aware of a child's own desires and the pace at which (s)he can achieve them. Pray that they may be able to support them whatever path their life may take.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have asked for our prayers: Andrew & Lily Powney, Diana, Tiana Willetts, Rosie, Chris Davies, Chris Pool, Thelma, Brian Edwards, Heather Gent, Helen Whatmore, Sarah Stephenson, Maureen Gaskin, Joy Capewell, Helen Murray, Maisie and Robert Brooks.

Thanksgiving for improvement: Joyce Hodgetts.

Those who have died recently and their families: Betty Gough, Iris Mackveley Karl Daniel Pugh and Samuel Raymond Bower.

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 Apr 1	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
Tue 2	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's. 12 noon Lent Lunch at St Bernadette's, devotion led by the Rector 8.00pm Baptism preparation at the Wombourne Institute
Wed 3	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's Pastoral group meet following morning prayer
Thurs 4	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 7.30pm Adult Confirmation Training at the Vicarage
Fri 5	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 6	10.00am to 4.00pm Study Day at St John's Swindon with George Fisher

Deeper and Wider-- A Lent Study Day with George Fisher
on Saturday 6th April * 10.00am till 4.00pm at St John's Swindon
Please book a place with Charmaine at: charmainehost@btinternet.com

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Stewardship Promise Envelopes. If you have forgotten yours it can be placed on the collection plate, given to Nigel Welch or the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone who supported last night's concert with the National Flute Orchestra and especially to Tony Bridgewater.