

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

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### The Second Sunday of Easter – 28th April 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

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**Lay Assistants** (8) Carol Porter      (10.30) Heather Yeates, David Crathorne

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**Servers** (10.30) Rachel Mountford, James Turner

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**Sides** (8) Gillian Wilcox, Kathleen Wickham      (10.30) Joan Parker, Barbara Hilditch, Geoff & Annette Truby

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**Offertory** Frank & Pauline Haycock

**Intercession**

Chris Welch

**1st NT Lesson** Joyce Hodgetts **2nd NT Lesson** Rachel Mountford **Gospel** Keith Whittaker

*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

**1st NT Lesson** David Boucher

**Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

The Duty Rota for May/June is now ready. If you don't receive yours by e-mail, please collect from the back of church.

Collect

Risen Christ

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

First New Testament Lesson Acts 5:27-32 (NRSV)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

Second New Testament Lesson Revelation 1:4-8 (NRSV)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. All: Alleluia*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31 (NRSV)*

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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, 5TH MAY 2019 – EASTER 3**

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

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US**

**Pray that we might forgive and be forgiven**

*Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. John 20 23a (NRSV)*  
**Forgiveness is so powerful, both in the lives of those who are forgiven, and in the hearts of those who forgive. Pray that we may always search out those who need our forgiveness and those whose forgiveness we need. Pray for the healing of relationships that comes from forgiving and from accepting forgiveness.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Those who have asked for our prayers:* Chris Davies, Chris Poole, Thelma, Helen Whitmore, Sarah Stephenson, Maureen Gaskin, Brian Edwards, Diana, Helen Murray, Nora Reynolds, Michael Waldron, Sylvia Peers, John Parker, Craig and Lisa.

*Thanksgiving for improvement:* Robert Brooks and Anna.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Mick Williams, Muriel Pickman, Barbara George, Christine Taylor, George Price and Alma Elliott.

*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*

**6.30pm tonight the APCM starting with a short service at the Venerable Bede.**

**Please come to find out about the work of our churches and to elect our new officers**

Mon 29	St George 10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
Tue 30	St Mark the Evangelist 9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 1 May	Philip & James, Apostles 9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 9.30am Pastoral group meet
Thurs 2	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede
Fri 3	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

**GETTING AN OVERVIEW OF THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER**

Tuesday 30th April, 7.00pm at Trysull Vicarage, starting with a light meal.  
Please contact Richard on 01902 476843.