

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

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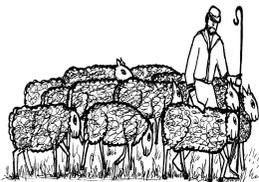
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 12th May 2019

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

3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism

7.00pm Taizé Prayer

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

Hymns

291

664

794

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Lay Assistants (8) Susan Williams (10.30) Nigel Welch, Richard Green

Servers (10.30) Heather Yeates, Martin Willetts (Afternoon baptisms) Teresa

Guest

Sides (8) Joy Capewell, Liz Richardson (10.30) Martin Garrington,

Hilary Moore, Allan Roberts

Offertory Janet Aldridge **Intercession** Roy Wootton

1st NT Lesson Derek Bryant **2nd NT Lesson** Alyson Bryant **Gospel** C. Forder

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Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Jan Glover

Intercession Peter

Cartwright

Sides Meryl Thomas, David Boucher

NT Lesson Brian Glover

Gospel Clergy

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First New Testament Lesson Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.
This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Second New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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 10:22-30 (NRSV)
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'
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, 19TH MAY 2019 – EASTER 5

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

Sarah is looking for helpers at the next Messy Church on Sunday 19th May
from 3.30pm at the Bede.

If you can help please contact her:

sarah@stbenedictbiscop.org.uk

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may hear the voice of Jesus Christ calling his sheep

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No-one will ever snatch them out of my hand."
John 10: 27, 28 (NRSV)

Being a sheep was risky, with thieves and predators ever near. Pray that we may accept that as part of Jesus' flock, following him, we are safe, not just for this life, but for eternity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be baptised this afternoon: Imogen Iris Ray, Henry Timothy Reilly-Walling, Isaac Adam Portman, Rowan Zac Portman and Charlie James Beckett.

Those to be married this week: Shaun Derek Walker & Lisa Marie Evans.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Chris Davies, Helen Whitmore, Sarah Stephenson, Maureen Gaskin, Brian Edwards, Diana, Michael Waldron, John Parker, Lisa, Revd Sue Watson and Revd Charmaine Host.

Those who have died recently and their families: George Price, Eunice Cutler, Mildred Jones 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

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| | <i>9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's</i> |
| Mon 13 | 10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage 8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet |
| Tue 14 | 9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 10.15am Greater Staff meeting |
| Wed 15 | 9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 5.00pm Young People's Confirmation training 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St Paul's Pendeford with the admission of Churchwardens to office |
| Thurs 16 | 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede |
| Fri 17 | 1.10pm Alma Elliott's funeral in church 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's |
| Sat 18 | 12 noon Shaun Walker and Lisa Evans marry at St Benedict's (o c b) PB |
| Sun 19 | 3.30pm Messy Easter at the Venerable Bede |

'A SUMMER CONCERT' with the 'VOICES OF TANTALLON'
on Saturday 8th June - 7.30pm at St Benedict's
Tickets £8 now available from Nigel Welch, Olwyn Grainger,
Taylors Greengrocers and the Parish Office.