

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

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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 19th 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**

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

Hymns

644

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**Lay Assistants (8)** Bryan Johns  
Grainger

(10.30) Chris Welch, Olwyn

**Servers (10.30)** Janet Lailey, Rachel Mountford

**Sides (8)** Tony & Veronica Bridgewater

(10.30) Mike & Liz Frost,  
Andrew & Sue Hill

**Offertory** Allan & Pat Roberts

**Intercession** Nigel Welch

**1st NT Lesson** Shirley Wall

**2nd NT Lesson** Wendy Meredith

**Gospel** Rachel

Mountford

*Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service*

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Parish Communion**

**Lay Assistant** Brian Glover

**Intercession**

Clergy

**Sides** Carol & Dave Godwin

**NT Lesson** Jan Glover

**Gospel** Clergy

Thank you to all those who went out collecting for Christian Aid

## Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First New Testament Lesson Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

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

## Second New Testament Lesson Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.’

*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 13:31-35 (NRSV)*

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little 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, 26TH MAY 2019 – EASTER 6**

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

### Stewardship

Thank you to all those who have returned their Stewardship Promise forms.  
If your stewardship is by standing order, please don't forget to change it !

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

**Pray that we may love one another with the love of Jesus**

*Jesus said to his disciples, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*

John 13:14b (NRSV)

**Jesus would be seen in this world no longer, but his love was to continue through the disciples, who would become his Church. Pray that as followers of Jesus and part of his Church, all our thoughts and deeds may be motivated by that same love.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Those who have asked for our prayers:* Helen Whitmore, Sarah Stephenson, Maureen Gaskin, Brian Edwards, Diana, Michael Waldron, John Parker, Lisa, Revd Sue Watson, Revd Charmaine Host, Dot Tyrer, Graham and Thelma Cooper.

*Thanksgiving for improvement:* Chris Davies.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Mildred Jones, Alma Elliott and Edwin Joseph Fellows.

*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
<b>Today</b>	3.30pm Messy Easter at the Venerable Bede. Jesus, the disciples and the miraculous catch of fish.
<b>Mon 20</b>	10am Little Fish at St Benedict's 7.30pm P.C.C. at the Venerable Bede starting with a celebration of the Eucharist 8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
<b>Tue 21</b>	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
<b>Wed 22</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
<b>Thurs 23</b>	11.00am Holy Communion at <b>St Benedict's</b> due to the polling station at the Venerable Bede 8.00pm Wives' Group at <b>St Benedict's</b> - (Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust)
<b>Fri 24</b>	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's



**ASCENSION DAY LUNCH**

(after Communion at the Bede)

**Thursday 30th May \* £5**

Phone Anne to book – (01902) 895075

**'A SUMMER CONCERT' with the 'VOICES OF TANTALLON'**

on Saturday 8th June - 7.30pm at St Benedict's

Tickets £8 available from Nigel Welch, Olwyn Grainger, Taylors Greengrocers and the Parish Office.