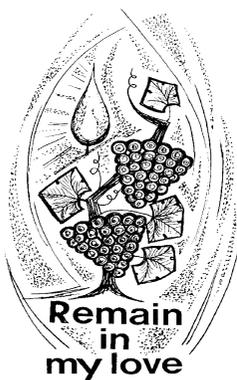


**CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT BISCOP and
THE CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter – 26th 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

	Hymns
8.00am Holy Communion (said)	584
10.30am Parish Communion	602
Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand	721
Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter (10.30) Teresa Guest, Joy Waistell	422 c
Servers (10.30) Martin Willetts, Colin Prior	494
Sides (8) Gillian Wilcox, Kathleen Wickham (10.30) Margaret Hatton, Shirley Wall,	
	Sheila Fellows, Olwyn Grainger
Offertory Frank & Pauline Haycock	Intercession Joy Waistell
1st NT Lesson Richard Green	2nd NT Lesson Roy Wootton
Roberts	Gospel Allan

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Peter Cartwright (Healing) Laurie Gainer
Sides Kathleen Ogden, Dorothy Brewerton
NT Lesson Peter Cartwright **Gospel** Clergy
Please join us for coffee after the service

Messy Church

Thank you to all those who helped - 24 children and adults came and enjoyed themselves !

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First New Testament Lesson Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Second New Testament Lesson Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5 (NRSV)

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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 14:23-29 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you."

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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, 2ND JUNE 2019 – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

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

Stewardship

Don't forget that if your promise included increasing your Standing Order it can be done online if you have online banking, if not, forms are available at the back of church or from Nigel Welch. Thank you

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray that we may listen to the Holy Spirit

Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." John 14: 26 (NRSV)

Jesus has promised that his Spirit is always with us in our hearts, to guide us and to interpret his words for us. Pray that we may always be open to listen to him and to follow his guidance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Thanksgiving for improvement: Chris Davies and Helen Whitmore.

Those who have died recently and their families: Edwin Fellows, Gwendoline Kaye and Helen Murray.

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 27	No Morning Prayer today Bank Holiday. No Little Fish at St Benedict's
Tue 28	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's
Wed 29	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's
Thurs 30	ASCENSION DAY 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 12 noon Ascension Day lunch at the Venerable Bede
Fri 31	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 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.