

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

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Eighth Sunday after Trinity – 11th August 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) 753

10.30am Parish Communion 384

3.00 & 4.00pm Holy Baptism 7.00pm Taizé Prayer 489

Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand 643 c

Lay Assistants (8) Rosemary Griffiths (10.30) Mark Jarvis, Olwyn Grainger 462 c

Servers (10.30) Rachel Mountford, Martin Willets (Afternoon Baptisms) Vicky Bratt 646

Sides (8) Joy Capewell, Liz Richardson (10.30) Colin Prior, Janet Wootton,

Alyson Bryant, Joy Waistell

Offertory Alan & Barbara Moss Intercession Chris Welch

OT Lesson Hilary Moore NT Lesson Roy Wootton Gospel Susan Hill

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

OT or NT Lesson David Boucher Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Thank you to those who helped with last Wednesday's Holiday Club

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 15:1-6 (NRSV)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’

But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’

Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’

And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSV)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the

wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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, 18TH AUGUST 2019 – TRINITY 9

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

Marketing our Church events and activities

We are currently looking at the feasibility of establishing a Marketing Committee/Unit that would be responsible for marketing all our festivals, events, children's activities, and special services. If you are interested in becoming involved with this possible new initiative, especially if you have marketing experience, then please contact a Churchwarden for further details.

Prayer Group

We will be starting a mid week prayer group on the last Tuesday of September. It will be in church and will last for no more than an hour. Please ask the Revd Sue Watson for more information.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

Pray for readiness to meet with God

Jesus said, "You also must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." Luke 12: 40 (NRSV)

Whether after Jesus' return, or when we depart this life, we will have to account for our lives. Pray that we may live with a clear conscience, so that we may always be ready to meet Jesus face to face.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be baptised this afternoon: Thea Mae Bicknell, Theo George Hackney, Ezra Christopher Neil Cooke and Amber Rosie Seal.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Sarah Stephenson, Lisa, Rosemary, Mark Cooper, Beryl Sadler, Ann Aldridge, William, Heather Gent, Charmaine Host, Maureen Gaskin, George Moorhouse, Robert Brooks, David Kingston, Pat, Andrew Powney and Robert Higginbotham.

Thanksgiving for improvement: Michael Waldron.

Those who have died recently and their families: Simeon Shakespeare, Jennifer Rea, Alan Thelwell and Ted Aldhous.

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

	<i>9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's</i>
Mon 12	8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
Tue 13	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 10.15am Staff Meeting 10.30-11.30am Little Fish summer special at St. Benedict's
Wed 14	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 2-4pm Holiday Club at the Venerable Bede
Thurs 15	The Blessed Virgin Mary 11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 2.30pm Ted Aldhous funeral in church PB
Fri 16	7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's

Benedict & Bede Bulletin

Any items for inclusion in the September bulletin should be sent to wombournebulletin@gmail.com or by contacting Sylvia on 01902 892691 or Joyce on 01902 894758 by: **SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST**

WOMBOURNE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Saturday 21st - Saturday 28th September

Tickets are now on sale from: Taylor's Greengrocers, Church Road Wombourne Pat Roberts 896211, Nigel Welch 324111 or from festival committee members.
Pick up a leaflet with more information from the back of church