

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

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The Ninth Sunday after Trinity– 18th 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

8.00am Holy Communion (said)	10.30am Parish Communion	Hymns
	Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand	765
		381
Lay Assistants (8) Carol Porter	(10.30) Teresa Guest, Anne Freeman	497
Servers (10.30) Janet Lailey, Heather Yeates		429 c
Sides (8) Tony & Veronica Bridgewater	(10.30) Martin Garrington,	433 c
	Roy Wootton, Allan & Pat Roberts	588
Offertory Janet Aldridge	Intercession Richard Green	
OT Lesson Shirley Wall	NT Lesson Derek Bryant	Gospel Wendy
Meredith		

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service

CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

9.00am Parish Communion

Lay Assistant Peter Cartwright	Intercession Clergy
Sides Kathleen Ogden, Dorothy Brewerton	
OT or NT Lesson David Boucher	Gospel Clergy

Please join us for coffee after the service

Please take a moment to read a letter we have received from 'Church Shelter' which is pinned on the notice board at the back of St. Benedict's, and if you feel you could join this group of willing helpers who give care to the most desperate and bruised people of Wolverhampton, please see the Rector.

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 23:23-29 (NRSV)

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 (NRSV)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56 (NRSV)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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, 25TH AUGUST 2019 – TRINITY 10

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

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 wisdom to read the signs

Jesus said, "Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Luke 12: 36b (NRSV)

Pray for humanity to be alert to what is happening in the world both scientifically and politically. Pray that we may respond by encouraging God's kingdom to supersede the kingdoms of this world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those to be married this week: James Stevenson & Ruth Grove.

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

Thanksgiving for improvement: Michael Waldron.

Those who have died recently and their families: Alan Thelwell, Ted Aldhous, Patricia Irene Piggott, Kevin John Nicklin and Olga Davies.

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 19	8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet
Tue 20	9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's 10.30-11.30am Little Fish summer special at St Benedict's
Wed 21	9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's 2-4pm Holiday Club at the Venerable Bede
Thurs 22	11.00am Holy Communion at the Venerable Bede 7.00pm Wedding rehearsal
Fri 23	3.15pm Kevin Nicklin funeral in church PB 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's
Sat 24	2.00pm James Stevenson & Ruth Grove marry at St Benedict's (o) PB

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