



Benedict and Bede

NEWS and VIEWS

September 2019



ECO CHURCH

Churches across the diocese are being urged to get involved in a climate action day on 20 September.

Parliament has declared a climate change emergency and a series of climate strikes have taken place across the UK and elsewhere, led by young people. From 20-27 September there will be a global week of action to coincide with the UN Climate Summit on 23 September.

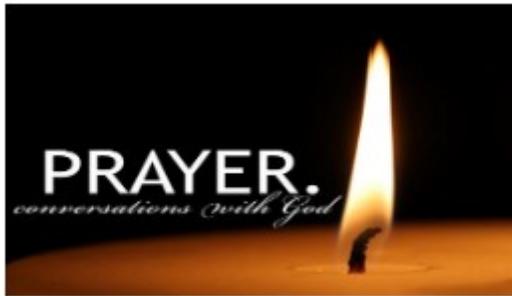
The diocese is committed to taking climate change seriously through a new Diocesan Environmental Policy and Action Plan. Parishes across the diocese are registering for Eco Church – a national award that recognises and supports churches who are working to become more environmentally friendly.

Our four bishops are encouraging churches, clergy and diocesan staff to show solidarity with young people to demand an end to the age of fossil fuels and climate justice for everyone.

Bishop Clive, diocesan lead on the Environment, said: "Our diocesan vision includes a prayer that we become a church 'that partners with others in seeking the common good, working for justice as people of hope.' As we grow deeper in our love for Jesus, we learn to love our neighbour, which applies to the whole of creation as much as our human neighbour. So often the care of creation has been seen as a marginal preoccupation within the life of the Church, however by making small changes to our own lifestyles and campaigning for the government to make big changes we can be part of halting the progress of climate change."

The action day takes place during the church season of Creationtide (1 Sept - 4 Oct).

From the Diocesan website.



Come and join us for prayer!

St. Paul tells us we should 'pray constantly' and Jesus himself spent long periods in prayer to his Father. When the disciples saw how important prayer was to their Teacher, they asked him to teach them to pray too and he gave them the Lord's Prayer, still prayed the world over, two thousand years later!

But, truth to tell, praying isn't always the easiest thing to do, except, perhaps when we're in trouble, or facing difficulties or sadness: minds wander, we aren't always sure what to pray for...and it's not always possible to sense God's presence with us.

To keep going can be challenging.

But we know we need to continue to turn to God to share our deepest concerns with him, to offer the activities of our lives and the needs of the world to him and ask for him to be present and active in all we do. And praying with others can be very rewarding and supportive, so on September 24th, we are planning to meet together for the first of a series of monthly opportunities to pray together at St. Benedict's.

We'll meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm, for about 45 minutes. There will be a mix of quiet, some music and words of prayer. As we continue together, it's hoped that folks will bring the issues which concern them and the concerns for the world around us, but just being still and quiet will be fine!

Do think of joining us – it won't be scary, but it will be exciting and rewarding!

Rev. Sue

RIDE+STRIDE

for Churches

14th SEPT. 2019

STAFFORDSHIRE'S CHURCHES OPEN DAY



Join Us

Join us to keep Staffordshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.

Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

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CLIMATE CHANGE and Eco Church

On August 14th, Greta Thunberg, left Plymouth in a carbon-neutral yacht for the 2 week voyage across the Atlantic to attend the UN Climate Summit in New York. Life on the yacht will be pretty basic for the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, who has Asperger's Syndrome. She is an inspiration to us all!

The July ***Benedict and Bede Bulletin*** published Bishop Clive's Pastoral letter on Climate Change, in which he pointed to Eco Church as a highly commended way of heightening environmental awareness in every parish.

Eco Church is an A Rocha UK Project run in partnership with Christian Aid, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and Tearfund. Several steps are involved:

STEP 1) Being registered with the Diocese is the first step to be taken towards becoming an Eco Church. Each Church registers separately. St Benedict Biscop Church and the Church of the Venerable Bede have now both been registered.

STEP 2) Completing the Survey - 4 St Benedict's volunteers are about to undertake this.

The Survey covers 6 sections

Worship and teaching

Buildings

Land

Community and Global

Lifestyle

Additional information

(We will need expert advice from Fabric, Finance and other Committees as we go along !)

STEP 3) Look at what actions need to be taken in order to gain Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church certification.

All clergy and LLM's* in Lichfield Diocese have just received a letter from Bishops Michael, Clive, Geoff and Sarah, emphasising their commitment to taking climate change seriously, following the declaration by Parliament of a Climate Change Emergency.

20-27th September there will be a global week of action to coincide with the UN Climate summit on 23rd September.

Climate Action Day (Lichfield Diocese)-more to follow -will be on **20th September**.



Greta Thunberg leaving Plymouth on August 14th

St. Bartholomew's Autumn Lectures 2019

Getting to grips with .. **Luke... a theologian for today**

Speaker **Archdeacon Emeritus David Lee– Lukans**

3rd October A story of our times

17th October A fresh vision of the Fatherhood of God

7th November The absolute centrality of Jesus for Christians

21st November The necessary and tangible power of the Holy Spirit

Lectures at St Bartholomew's Church (WV4 5JB) 7-.15—9.-15

No need to book...Free of charge....Just come along

For further enquiries contact St Bartholomew's Parish Office
tel. 01902 876809 or email [office @starts.org.uk](mailto:office@starts.org.uk)

You've Got Time !!

ALPHA COURSE

Tuesdays 7.00pm—9.00pm September 10th to November 12th

At Corbett School
Six Ashes Road
Bobbington

tact <https://www.corbett.staffs.sch.uk/>

Little Fish



Re starts on Monday 9th September.

Great fun for babies/toddlers and their carers. Every Monday during term time in St Benedict Biscop Church 10am-11am.

Play, crafts, singing, bible stories etc.



Sunday Club

Every week in the Hand in Hand
from 10.15am

We have some fun activities planned for the next couple of months so come along and give it a try.

For more information please contact Sarah on
07702376169 or sarah@stbenedictbiscop.org.uk

Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

Parish Communion 10.30 St Benedict Biscop

WOMBOURNE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Saturday 21st– Saturday 28th September

Saturday 21st September COSFORD MILITARY WIVES

Monday 23rd September WOMBOURNE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
With tea and cakes

Provisional running order for local schools as follows :

Tuesday 24th September :

St. James's CE Primary School
Belle Vue Primary School
Blakeley Heath Primary School

Wednesday 25th September

St. Benedict Biscop CE Primary School
Wombourne High School (Ounsdale)

Thursday 26th September

Westfield Community Primary School
Highfields School

Friday 27th September SHAUN VEGAS as ELVIS

Saturday 28th September LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
Jackfield Brass band

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW from :

Taylor's Greengrocery Church Road

Pat Roberts 896211

Nigel Welch 324111

Parish Office Church Road 897700



BENEDICT & BEDE NEWS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Items for inclusion in the **November 2019** bulletin must reach us by 23rd Oct
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We welcome items by email but please send only Publisher, Word or plain
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THANK YOU.....

To everyone involved in the organization of our holiday at Potters Leisure Resort, Nr. Gt. Yarmouth it was a lovely experience and we all greatly appreciate the time and effort given on our behalf.
Many thanks from the

'Dayspringers'.

And finally.....

May the Lord be close to you with His healing touch

May His love surround you to revive your spirit

May His goodness shine upon you to brighten your day

May His peace dwell within you to give you comfort

May His joy uplift you to lighten your way



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