

Sun 6th January Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am Holy Communion
 6.30pm service of prayer for strength & Healing- "Epiphany gifts"

Mon 7th + Dec

10.am Mothers Union AGM Whistlets close
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tues 8th January

8.30am Morning Prayer St B's
 4.30-9pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Weds 9th January

9.00am Morning Prayer Abbey Centre
 10.00am Holy Communion + coffee
 1.30 -3pm Tots and toddlers

Thurs 10th January

8.30am No Morning prayer
 2 – 3.30 pm No Craft & Coffee

Fri 11th January

Sat 12th January

Sun 13th January Baptism of Christ

8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am Holy Communion
 11.30am Thirty Minute Church

St Benedict's Parish News

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Epiphany

A warm welcome to our services at St Benedict's from the Ministry team, church officers and the entire congregation, especially if this is your first time with us. Please do join us if you can, for a coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday morning service.

Revealing or Concealing?

It is human nature to want to add colour and detail to a story, the problem is when the added detail takes away from the meaning. A bit like the danger of jokes and stories in sermons which make them more interesting but are then the bits that people remember rather than the point they are supposed to illustrate. So it is with the mysterious visitors to the infant Jesus, unnumbered let alone named, in Scripture but emerging through tradition as the three kings, each with an ethnicity and name. So familiar have they become that it is easy to forget that for the author of Matthew's Gospel they represent all that is foreign and alien. Magi, from the same root word as magic, represents forbidden knowledge and the worship of other gods and they come from the East, from where had come the conquerors who had destroyed the independent kingdoms of Israel and Judah in the 8th and 6th centuries BC. In this Epiphany season we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles but how seriously do we take the point that Christ is made known to those who are very unlike us, have ways of which we disapprove and frankly with whom we would like to have as little to do as possible? **Anne**

Rotas: 13th Jan Baptism of Christ

Sides people: Nigel & Paula Parker
Readers: Enamarie Olasope
Intercessions: Paula Swain
Offertory: Richard Warr, Keith Hellewell
Chalice: Ola Olasope, Bill Christie
Counting: Marion Angus, Alison Marlow
Coffee: Richard & Linda Warr
Servers: Anne England, Julie Creasey
Jnr church: thirty Minute Church
Church Cleaning: Mary & Chris

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Fiona Murphy, Nigel Evans
 Richard Warr, Rosemary Morgan
 Brenda Clarke
 Geoffrey Brown, Joy Brown
 Keith Hellewell, Chris Newton
 Geoffrey Brown, Richard Warr
 Eileen Daley, Julie Creasey
 Paula Swain, Ken Fitzhugh
 Anne E, Paul H
 Jill & Annette



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 16th Jan PCC meeting

Sat 19th Jan 8.00am Prayer breakfast- Abbey centre - Week of Christian Unity

Sat 19th 1-5pm Alpha course

Sun 20th Jan 10.00am SNPC shared worship at St Bens

Sat 26th Jan 4pm Prayer Tea at St Benedicts

Weds 30th Jan 7.30-9.30pm Alpha course

Tues 5th Feb 7.30pm Worship Committee

Weds 6th Feb Alpha course

Mon 11th Feb SNPC meeting

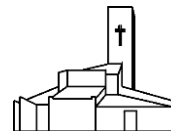
Weds 13th Feb Alpha course

Weds 20th Feb Alpha course

Weds 27th Feb Alpha course

Sat 16th Mar 9.30-4pm Bishop's Bible Day

Sun 27th April 11.30am APCM



Our mission is to encourage the people of the parish to worship God in a loving, caring environment and help them to find faith and fulfilment in Jesus