

# St Benedict's Parish News

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**9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
11.30 am 30 minute Church  
2.30pm Community Carol Service  
+mulled wine & mince pies

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
8.30 am Morning prayer  
4.30-7.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
09.00am Morning Prayer at Abbey centre  
10.00am Holy Communion + coffee  
1.30 -3pm Tots and toddlers  
Christmas party

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
8.30am Morning prayer  
2 – 3.30 pm Craft & Coffee  
7.30pm Said Eucharist

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10.00am Holy Communion & Junior church Nativity play  
12.00 Home alone lunch  
6.00pm Carols by Candle light  
+mulled wine & mince pies

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
6.30pm Carol singing at Mereway Tesco

**Rotas: 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sides people:** Fiona Murphy, Paula Swain  
**Readers:** Keith Mesdag, Richard Warr  
**Intercessions:** Ola Arowola  
**Offertory:** Ola Arowola, Keith Hellewell  
**Chalice:** Ola Olasope, Mary Roach  
**Counting:** Norman Critchlow, Marion Angus  
**Coffee:** Rosemary Morgan, Dawn Bolt  
**Servers:** Janet Selling, Nigel Evans  
**Jnr church:** Anne England, Debbie  
**Church Cleaning:** Jules & Des

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Richard & Linda Warr  
Richard Davis  
Fiona Murphy  
Geoff & Brenda Clarke  
Bill Christie, Catherine Galvin  
Keith Mesdag, Geoffrey Brown  
Pam Garrett, Dorothy Simms  
Norman Critchlow, Anne England  
30 Minute Church-Advent theme  
Amaka & Ada



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

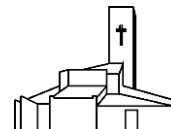
**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** 6.30pm Carol Singing at Tesco + refreshments  
**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** Christingle making after church.  
**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** 4pm & 5.30pm Christingle  
**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** 11.30pm Midnight mass  
**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec** 10.00am Family Christmas celebration  
**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Dec** 8pm- midnight New' Year's Eve party in Church  
**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** PCC meeting

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** 8.00am Prayer breakfast- Abbey centre - Week of Christian Unity  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** 1-3pm Alpha course  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** 10.00am SNPC shared worship  
**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jan** 4pm Prayer Tea at St Benedicts  
**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** 7.30-9.30pm Alpha course  
**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** Alpha course  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** SNPC meeting  
**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** Alpha course  
**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** Alpha course  
**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** Alpha course  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April** 11.30am APCM

## **“Baruch, who?”**

Some may remember that a few weeks ago I threw out a challenge to our Sunday morning congregation – some of our Junior Church members can name all the books of the Bible in order, could they? Whether or not you feel confident in your ability in this area, today's first reading comes as a bit of a puzzler. No matter how diligently you search through the pages of the Old Testament as we have it, the Book of Baruch isn't there. Please be assured I have not taken to making things up! Baruch comes from those books known as the Apocrypha – those parts of the Jewish scriptures which are not there in the original Hebrew but in the Greek translation which dates in its original form to the second century BC. Baruch himself is identified with the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah. The books of the Apocrypha, which vary slightly in content in different traditions, are included in Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles and in more modern times in other translations too, placed between the Old and New Testaments. They come from a time when the Jewish people were holding onto their faith and religious traditions surrounded by a culture which was often mocking, at best indifferent and at times openly hostile. Sound familiar?

**Anne**



*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*