

Sun 23rd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Holy Communion
11.30am Christingle making

Mon 24th Dec Christmas eve

4 & 5.30pm Christingle services
6.45pm Carol singing at General Hospital
11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Tues 25th Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas family Eucharist

Weds 26th Dec

09.00am **NO** Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion + coffee
1.30 -3pm **No** Tots and toddlers

Thurs 27th Dec

8.30am **No** Morning prayer
2 – 3.30 pm **No** Craft & Coffee
7.30pm Said Eucharist

Fri 28th Dec

Sat 29th Dec

Sun 30th Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon 31st Dec

8.00pm New year's Eve get together in church

Rotas for Christmas

If you are on one of the rotas for Christmas eve or Christmas day and know you will be away please try and swap with someone

Rotas: 30th Dec 1st Sun of Christmas

Sides people: Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone

Readers: Julie Creasey, Richard Davies

Intercessions: Norman Critchlow

Offertory: Ola Arowola, Keith Hellewell

Chalice: Mary Roach, Enamarie Olasope

Counting: Marion Angus, Keith Mesdag

Coffee: Rosemary Morgan, Dawn Bolt

Servers: Janet Selling, Julie Creasey

Jnr church: No Junior Church

Church Cleaning: Trish & Onyi

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Geoff & Brenda Clarke

Marion Angus, Lesley Flood

David Hill

Bill & Hazel Christie

Enamarie Olasope, Joy Brown

Chris Newton, Richard Warr

Julie Mesdag, Nigel Evans

Norman Critchlow, Richard Davis

Connie, Lesley

Hazel, Pam



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 31st Dec 8pm- midnight New' Year's Eve party in Church

Sun 6th Jan 6.30pm service of prayer for strength & Healing- "Epiphany gifts"

Weds 16th Jan PCC meeting

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

Sat 19th 1-4pm 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

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

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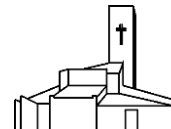
4th Sunday of Advent

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.

Christmas Blessings



Christmas can feel an endless list of "to-do's". We can struggle to get our heads around the concept of God becoming human. Maybe we doubt some of the details presented to us in our traditional images of the nativity but at it's heart there is simplicity; a mother cradling a new-born baby, God coming to us, not in awesome majesty, or terrifying power, but in utter vulnerability. This is how God choses to judge the world: Are we open to receive him? May Jesus be in your heart and your home this Christmas and may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the blessings our shared ministry at St Benedict's brings to me and Richard. It would be impossible to reciprocate the cards we have been given, but thank you very much for them and for your kindness to us both. **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