

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your
own image
and yet more wonderfully restored
us through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in
our humanity,
so we may share the life of his
divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at
Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for 30th Dec 2018

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2 v 18-20, 26

SECOND READING

Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

GOSPEL

Luke 2 v 41 -52

Readings for 6th January 2019

Isaiah 60 v 1-6

Ephesians 3 v 1-12

Matthew 2 v 1-12

Northampton Food Bank



As the weather gets colder, the work of the Food bank increases. If you are able to support our collection there is a list of items needed and a collection box in church. Many thanks for your support.

Children's Society House Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Children's Society box for emptying. If you do not have a Children's Society box or would like more details on what the Children's Society does please do ask. Many thanks, **Sue Wilson**

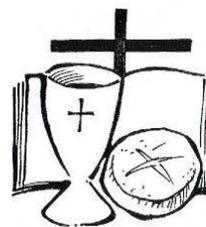
Church APCM Advanced notice

Although the APCM is not until 27th April, please get your reports in in plenty of time i.e. by the end of February. Thanks.
Norman Critchlow

Postage Stamps

Please bring in any used postage stamps (leaving a 5mm border) and put in the Leprosy Mission box in church. And bring in post cards for the MSF. Thanks.
Geoffrey Goswell

New Communion Service



As from **Sunday January 6th** there will be a said service of **Holy Communion** each week at **8am**

St Benedict's Cafe

There will be a café on Wednesday 2nd January. Why not include a New Years resolution to come and help? Either on the day or by preparing and donating cakes and pastries.

Street Pastors teams

The Street Pastors Teams will have a team out on New Year's eve, Monday 31st December. Our teams operate around the town centre and Wellingborough Road area. They start around 10.30pm-10.45pm and will be out until 3am-4am. They have a break at some point during the patrol.

We are not down to pray as a church but prayer is always needed and valued. All supporting churches are especially asked to pray on New Year's Eve.

Street Pastors prayer points:

Please pray for the town to be a safe place for everyone, that there will be

peace on the streets. May friends stick together and help one another when needed. May people think about the consequences and side effects of drugs and excessive alcohol. May people drink responsibly.

Please pray for the emergency services (police, ambulance service, A&E). Please pray for the door staff. May they all have wisdom as they carry out their duties.

School Pastors prayer points:

Please pray for all those who are affected by bullying, as being a victim of this can have such a profound effect on a young person's life. We also pray for the perpetrators as their actions are often a reaction to something in their own life.

We pray for all those who feel overwhelmed by something at the moment and don't know where to turn. May God bring someone alongside them to help and give them the courage to move forward to a better place.