

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.

Words for the Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord God
Almighty reigns,
let us rejoice and sing and give him
glory,
all the glory.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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.

Readings for 31st Dec 2017

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61 v 10- 62 v 3

SECOND READING

Galatians 4 v 4-7

GOSPEL

Luke 2 v 15-21

Readings for 7 Jan (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60 v 1-6

Ephesians 49 v 1-13

John 4 v 7-26

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation service next
year at St Benedict's on February 4th
2018. Anyone interested in being
confirmed please see **Rev Anne**

Church Cleaning

Nessie Mills has faithfully organised our
Church cleaning rota for many years but
will be giving up in the new year as she
and Roger are moving North. This is one
of the many unseen tasks which are vital
to the comfort and welcome of the Church
- if anyone feels that they could take this
over please see Rev Anne.

Church Rotas

New Rotas for Junior Church helpers and
Church Cleaning are now available.
Please pick up a copy in church if you
have not received one electronically. If
you would like to help please speak to
Rev Anne (cleaning rota) or Constance
Thomas (junior church)

Advance notice

The next service of healing and prayer is
on Sunday January 7th 2018 at 6.30pm

Safeguarding course

On Sat 13th Jan at 12noon we are running
a Safeguarding course in church. Please
put the date in your diary. There will be a
list in church to sign up. *Paula Swain*

Its Cold outside

With winter well and truly with us it's
more important than ever that we all
check that friends, relatives and
neighbours who may be elderly or
living alone are well and keeping warm
and fed.

STAMPS & POSTCARDS

We are still collecting used postage
stamps, and at this time of year we are
all more likely to receive them than at
other. Please support the work of The
Leprosy Mission by cutting around your
stamps, leaving at least a quarter of an
inch of envelope and then put them in
the box in church. All stamps are
acceptable, and sellable. In 2016 over
£160,000 was raised from used stamps
and collectables. We are also still
collecting postcards, new and used, in
support of MAF . Very many thanks,

Quiet prayer

Quiet Prayer will restart in the New
Year.

Thank you

A big thankyou to all who helped at
the services over Christmas,
preparing Christingles, cleaning the
church, arranging the flowers and
decorations and being Stewards at
the services.

St Benedict's Café

This Wednesday, 11.30-1.00pm in
church.

Invitation to join Evangelism training sessions

**On Wednesdays in Jan 10, 17, 24,
31, Feb 07,14, Mar 21 2018**
Bouverie Court NN4 7YD and out
and about. Would you like to join
one or more of our January /
February / March sessions on
evangelism? **Each session is
stand-alone – do come to one or
more.**

A variety of free evenings exploring
ways of presenting and explaining
the gospel, using the Bible in
evangelism, and helping others to
witness to Christ. Included are
resources and projects to try out in
your church. Contact Liz Holdsworth
tel. 01604 887070

"New Year's Eve Alone"?



There is another option
this year - come along to
Church at about 8pm for
a bring and share
gathering, with food, friendship and
some games, with a short watch
night service just before midnight
and a few fireworks to welcome in
the New Year."

