

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and forever. Amen

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Readings for 4th Feb 2018

FIRST READING

Malachi 3 v 1-5

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2 v 14-18

GOSPEL

Luke 2 v 22-40

Readings for 11th Feb Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2 v 1-12

2 Corinthians 4 v 3-6

Mark 9 v 2-9

04/02/18 Sunday b4 lent

Uniformed Organizations thinking Day.

Our 10am service on February 11th will be joined by St Benedict's Guides, Brownies and Rainbows as they share with us their thinking day. The Guides will have a sleepover in church on the preceding night.

Weekly Envelopes

New sets of Weekly envelopes are being ordered for the coming year. If you are a current envelope user but no longer wish to use envelopes, or if you would like to give regularly using envelopes please let Richard Warr know. Email: Richardwarr65@gmail.com

Invitation to join Evangelism training sessions

On Wednesdays Feb 07, 14, Mar 21 2018 at Bouverie Court NN4 7YD and out and about. Would you like to join one or more of our Jan/ Feb /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

Swimarathon 2018

We are getting teams together to participate in this year's Swimarathon on Sat 10th February to raise funds for the church, youth group and other local charities. If you can swim two lengths come and join us. **Chris Hunt.**

Flower Festival

St Benedict's will be having a flower festival in May Friday evening May 11th, all day Saturday May 12th and the afternoon of Sunday May 13. Please save the dates in your diary. We will be looking for people to help steward church, make cakes and serve refreshments. Please see Chris Hunt for more details.

Bishop's Bible Day: Theme: 'Saint Paul for Today'

Saturday 3rd March at Northampton High School

A day of studying the Bible with Bishop Donald.

Open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Bible. This event is free (*donations welcome*). There will be two addresses from Bishop Donald, a variety of workshops, worship and fellowship. Just bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Do encourage others to come with you. We look forward to seeing you there, for another great diocesan day together. For more details speak to **Rev. Anne or Lesley Flood**

Lent Course 2018

Our Lent course this year will be looking at the Psalms – the Songs and Poetry of the ancient Hebrews but resonating with our situations and dilemmas today. Come along and join with members of SNPC in our Lent groups.

The dates and venues for this year's Lent course are as follows;

Tues 20th February TRMC

**Thurs 1st March St Benedicts
Thurs 7th March Sts Francis & Therese**

**Thurs 15th March TRMC
Weds 21st March ACBC**

Facebook

Have you been onto the St Benedicts church facebook page yet? If not, give it a try and do 'like' the page.

Street Pastors

St Benedict's turn to pray for this important work and those who go out is on **Saturday February 17th** – please pray at home whenever you can or even better join us in Church from **7-8pm.**

To find out more about the work of Street Pastors, Schools' Pastors and how to become involved or support them in prayer there is an **Open Evening on Wed 21 Feb 7.30 at Salvation Army, Penistone Road (Weston Favell)**
Anne England