

St Benedict's Parish News

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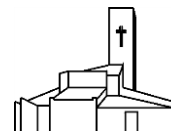
3rd Sunday of Lent

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.

Mammon or God?

It's somewhat scary how often the Sunday readings relate to other things that are going on whether it is in the Church or the wider world. At first sight, though, this Sunday's Gospel seems unhelpful, to say the least of it, on a day on which we talk about money. Jesus after all drives the traders out of the Temple – God and the material day-to-day world have nothing to do with each other. But it is precisely that attitude that Jesus is objecting to. As far as the Jewish traders were concerned the outer Court of the Temple – the Court of the Gentiles – where the trading took place was not a place of prayer and worship. That took place further inside the Temple where access was increasingly restricted, the Court of the Women, then that of the Jews, the Holy Place where only priests could go and then the Holy of Holies, separated by the veil of the Temple entered only by the High Priest on one day of the year. God and commercial reality carefully kept apart from each other, the intention being that in so doing God is the more honoured. Jesus, following the Old Testament prophets, teaches that unless God is honoured in our everyday lives, our worship is hollow and meaningless. How much do you honour God in your giving to the Church? **Anne**

Our next service of prayer and healing is this evening March 4th at 6.30 pm



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

Sun 4th March Stewardship Sunday

10.00am Holy communion
6.30pm Service of prayer and healing with Holy Communion and Lent Reflection

Mon 5th Mar

10am Mothers Union @4 Whistlets close-speaker Janet Redman - specialised knitting
7 pm -9pm Prayer and Praise for Northampton. At St Benedicts

Tuesday 6th Mar

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's
4.30-7.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Weds 7th Mar

9.00am Said Morning prayer @St Benedicts
10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am St Benedict's Caf e
1.30 -3pm Tots and Toddlers time
7.30 pm Lent Course Sts Francis & Therese -Anger

Thurs 8th Mar International Womens Day

8.30am Said morning prayer
2 – 3.30 pm Craft & Coffee

Fri 9th Mar 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sun 11th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am Family Eucharist

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Sides people : Des & Jenny Peasland
Readers: Mothers union
Intercessions: Mothers' union
Offertory: Bill & Hazel Christie
Chalice: Mary Roach, Chris Newton
Counting: Richard Warr, Marion Angus
Coffee: Julie Creasey, Geoffrey Brown
Servers: Catherine Galvin, Janet Selling
Jnr church: Mothering Sunday
Church Cleaning: Amaka & Ada

4th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

Richard & Linda Warr
Keith Mesdag, Richard Warr
Paula Swain
Ola Arawola, Joy Brown
David Bull, Joy Brown
Keith Mesdag, Mary Roach
Eileen Daley, Julie Mesdag
Ken Fitzhugh, Anne England
Connie, Leslie
Julie & Eileen



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday March 4th – Stewardship Sunday
Weds 7th March 7.30 Lent course Sts F & T
Thurs 15th Mar 7.30 Lent course TRMC
Weds 21st Mar 7.30Lent course Abbey centre
Sun 1st April Easter Sunday
Sat 14th Apr Stations of the Resurrection
Sun 22nd April APCM

Thurs 10th May 7.00am & 12 Noon
Ascension day service

Sat 12th / Sun 13th May Flower Festival-
theme Peace
Sat 30th June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree
Sun 17th June 10.45 Shared worship at
TRMC
Sun 15th July St Benedict's Patronal Festival
Sun 21st Oct 10.45 Shared worship ACBC