

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

#### FIRST READING

Revelation 7 v 9-17

#### SECOND READING

1 John 3 v 1-3

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 5 v 1-12

## Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

Wisdom of Solomon 6 v 12-16

1Thessalonians 4 v 13-18

Matthew 25 v 1-13

### Christingle making

This will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 5.30 till 7.30 or earlier if lots of people help. There will be pizza and drinks to sustain the helpers. Everyone is welcome to help, it's always fun.

### St Benedict's Christmas Fete



Saturday 2nd December  
2 pm and 4 pm. at St  
Benedict's Church, NN4  
9XN. Stalls include Gifts,  
Produce, Tombola, Bric a

Brac and there will be Carol singing. There is a list of stalls in church.

Mary and Phil are running the *Chocolate Tombola* stall. They ask members of the congregation to donate chocolate or packets of sweets to the tombola.

**Nigel Parker.** Fete coordinator  
tel. 0774 9577 810

### Thankyou

Dear St. Benedict's  
Thank you for the food donation raised on behalf of Re:store Northampton's Food Bank. We have really appreciated your support. The food you donated will be used in our emergency food packages that we give out weekly to those who are in crisis. Northampton Food Bank has been providing emergency food parcels to families and adults across the the town

since 2009. We supported 2239 adults in 2016. Through a network of 150 referral agencies and church distribution points, we provide non-perishable food, cleaning products, personal hygiene and baby essentials up to five times a year to a household who are experiencing a financial crisis. Our local community generously donates approximately £70,000 worth of items each year which is sorted and distributed by local volunteers. We appreciate the support of local churches, such as yourselves, and there are other ways you could get involved, including regular volunteering opportunities, one-off community days at our Food Bank, HUB or Allotment projects, and through organising fundraising activities. We are always seeking 'Community Champions' who will continue to keep our work in the public eye and rally support for us, and feel that this is something that you could do. Please do receive our gratitude for all that your organisation is doing to support this local charity.

**Anya Willis** Charity Director, Re:Store  
Northampton

### Safeguarding

Hello, I am your Safeguarding Officer for St Benedict's. As Christians we support and care for each other. In Church we have children and adults who are vulnerable. The Diocese encourages us to have safeguarding training to ensure we know how to identify abuse and how to act on it to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Rev Anne and I will be running a

short safeguarding training session on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 12pm in Church. I will be asking for people to attend nearer the time but if you wish to attend, please see me or Rev Anne. Thank you, with blessings.

**Paula Swain**

### USED STAMPS

For many years we have been collecting used postage stamps, and at this time of year we are all more likely to receive them than at other. Please will you support the work of The Leprosy Mission by cutting around your stamps, leaving at least a quarter of an inch of envelope and then place them in the box at the back of church? All stamps are acceptable, and sellable. In 2016 over £160,000 was raised from used stamps and collectables to help those with leprosy be cured and lives transformed.

Very many thanks, **Geoffrey Goswell**

### Advance notice

Next service of healing and prayer is on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6.30pm

### Could I do more?

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, Explore at All Saints School NN2 7AJ 10am-3.45pm.**

Have you thought that you may have a calling to be more involved in your church life? Why not come along and explore the opportunities?

This is an informal day with Bishop John Holbrook to consider your calling to serve in the church. Book a place at: [sally.crossley@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:sally.crossley@peterborough-diocese.org.uk) or 01604 887049

# Abbey Community Theatre

Present

## ***Jack and the Beanstalk***

A pantomime written by Kevin Johnson.

Thurs Nov 30<sup>th</sup> & Fri Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 1pm & 5pm

Adults £7 Children £3

Family (2+2) £18. Book online at [abbeycommunitytheatre.co.uk](http://abbeycommunitytheatre.co.uk)

Tel. Pat Johnson 0773654241

Derek Wilson 01604 761291

More details at:

[www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events](http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events)

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