

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

10.00am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Service of Prayer & Healing  
 "Reflecting upon the Epiphany"

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedicts  
 4.30-7.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides  
 7.30pm Bible study group  
 7.45pm Home Group

### Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

9.00am Said Morning prayer @Abbey Centre  
 10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee  
 1.30-3.00pm Tots & Toddlers time  
 7.30pm Feeding & Fellowship

### Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan

8.30am Said morning prayer  
 2pm-3.30pm Craft & Coffee  
 7.30pm Said Eucharist

### Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

### Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

12.00-1.00pm Safeguarding course

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

10.00am Holy Communion  
 11.30am Thirty Minute Church

# St Benedict's Parish News

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## 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Epiphany

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

### **Rotas: 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

**Sides people:** Fiona Murphy, Nigel Evans

**Readers:** Catherine Galvin

**Intercessions:** David Hill

**Offertory:** Audrey Greenland, Diana Dale

**Chalice:** Pradeep Anthony, Joy Brown

**Counting:** Chris Newton, Pradeep Anthony

**Coffee:** Julie Creasey, Julie Mesdag

**Servers:** Norman Critchlow, Richard Davies

**Jnr church:** 30 minute church

**Church Cleaning:** Amaka, Ada

### **7<sup>th</sup> Jan The Epiphany**

David & Gwen Bull

Debbie Bartlett, Sue Wilson

Catherine Galvin

Ola Arawola, Keith Hellewell

Chris Newton, Mary Roach

David Bull, Richard Warr

Pam Garrett, Dorothy Simms

Catherine Galvin, Nigel Evans,

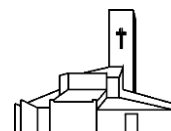
Connie, Anne E,

Julie & Eileen

## Missing - Three Wise Men

One of the many losses with the way we do Christmas in our contemporary society (though we should remain grateful for the many people for whom it still has meaning and want to celebrate that meaning in Church) is the loss of emphasis on the separate arrival of the Wise men as recounted in Matthew's Gospel. There are lots of reasons why this matters but here are a couple for starters. The wise men have been made into Kings in popular imagination but Matthew simply tells us that they were wise men from the East. As so often in Matthew they are the fulfilment of prophecy but again as so often this is given an unexpected twist. They are Magi - from the same root word as that which gives us the word magician. As such they are followers of a different religion with religious practises which would have been alien if not forbidden in Judaism. And yet they are led to worship the Christ-child, a reminder that Jesus came for all not simply those from a particular religious background. The visit of the Magi ends with the holy family forced to flee into Egypt to escape Herod's murderous rage - a reminder that we surely need that this is not a cosy story but God's entry into the pain of the world. Or perhaps we prefer a safer, more comfortable ending with the baby safely tucked up in the straw? **Anne**

**Feeding and Fellowship on Wednesday at 7.30pm when we will be looking at the First letter of Peter**



*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*



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 12noon Safeguarding course

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30-1pm Alpha training  
 morning St Giles

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 7.45pm Home Group

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan SNPC service at St Benedict's

Sun Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Confirmation service

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Evening Youth Service

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30-1.30pm St Benedict's  
 Café

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Ash Wednesday

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Lent course TRMC

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Lent course St Benedict's

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 9.30am Bishops Bible Day  
 @NHS

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> March Lent course Sts F & T

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Lent course TRMC

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Mar Lent course Abbey centre

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> April APCM (proposed date)

Sat 12/ Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May Flower Festival

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree