

### Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 18

10.00am Holy Communion  
 12.00 Home Alone lunch  
 6.00pm Patronal Festival Sts Francis & Therese

### Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

10.00am Mothers' Union Meeting  
 spkr Rev Stuart Mousir -Harrison  
 7.30pm Bell ringing practise

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

8.30am Said morning prayer  
 4.30-7.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides  
 7.30 Bible Study group  
 7.45pm Home group

### Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

10.00am Communion plus coffee  
 1.30-3.00pm Tots and Toddlers Time  
 4.30pm Porch Group meeting

### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

### Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Trinity 19

10.00am Holy Communion

### Rotas: 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Trinity 19

**Sides people** : Keith & Juliette Dunkley  
**Readers**: Marion Angus, Chris Newton  
**Intercessions**: David Bull  
**Offertory**: Geoffrey Brown, Joy Brown  
**Chalice**: Pradeep Anthony, Joy Brown,  
**Counting**: Richard Warr, Geoffrey Brown  
**Coffee**: Bill & Hazel Christie  
**Servers**: Nigel Evans, Catherine Galvin,  
**Jnr church**: Connie, Leslie  
**Church Cleaning**: Julia & Des

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Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone  
 Mary Roach, Debbie Bartlett  
 Catherine Galvin  
 Diana Dale, Geoffrey Brown  
 Catherine Galvin, Lesley Flood  
 Marion Angus, Chris Newton  
 Eileen Daley, Julie Mesdag  
 Ken Fitzhugh, Norman Critchlow  
 Anne E, Paul  
 Amaka & Nessie



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm PCC  
 Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Clocks go back 1 hour  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Oct SNPC shared service  
 Abbey centre  
 Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Concert by Hunsbury  
 Choir  
 Tues Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Theological  
 society. Abbey Centre  
 Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 8am Prayer breakfast at TRMC  
 Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm PCC  
 Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2pm Christmas Fayre

Sun Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Advent reflection & carols  
 Sun 10 Dec 2pm Community carol  
 Concert by Rotary  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Carols by candlelight  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-7pm Carol singing  
 at Tesco refreshments @st Bens  
 Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm & 5.30pm  
 Christingle services  
 Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan SNPC service at St Benedict's  
 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  
 Weds 7<sup>th</sup> March Lent course Sts F & T  
 Thurs 15 Mar Lent course TRMC  
 Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Mar Lent course Abbey centre

# St Benedict's Parish News

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## 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

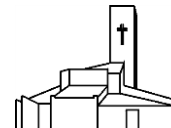
A warm welcome to our services at St Benedict's from the Ministry team, church officers and the entire congregation, especially if this is your first time with us. Please do join us if you can, for a coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday morning service.

### The Good news?

Today's Gospel, the parable of the wedding guest, must surely make us pause before we proclaim that it is indeed the Gospel, the good news, of the Lord, filled as it is with violence and vengeance. It is worth reflecting first of all what the Parables of Jesus are, and what they are not. Just because there is a king, or a master in the story it does not mean that their characteristics will automatically be those of God, however much we may jump to that conclusion. Rather Jesus takes the events of everyday life and tells stories, usually with a twist in them that startle us out of our easy way of thinking. The reality of a ruler who takes bloodthirsty vengeance on those who annoy them would have been all too familiar to Jesus' first hearers, and, sadly too, to us. We also need to look at Jesus' stories in their context - who are they addressed to? Today's Gospel reading comes in the middle of a long series of provocative disputes between Jesus and the Jerusalem establishment, those who were utterly convinced that they would be the guests of honour at God's promised banquet and others would be left outside. As so often Jesus undermines their and our, pretensions and reminds us all that we utterly depend not on our own goodness but on the mercy of God. And if we are willing to be honest, that really is good news. **Anne**

### Sunday October 29th

10.45am Joint Service of holy Communion at Abbey Centre. Come and join in worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the South Northampton Partnership of Churches.  
 6.30pm All Souls Service - come and bring others to a quiet reflective service where we remember those who are part of the Church unseen.



*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*