

St Benedict's Parish News

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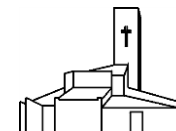
18th March 2018

5th 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.

How much does he love me?

As a young girl I played the old game where you pulled petals off a daisy, chanting as you did so a rhyme to see how much the boy you fancied loved you. I can't remember all the options although I know it included "Madly, passionately, a little, not at all." It is much simpler to know how much God loves us, and a great deal more reliable. We simply have to look at the Cross – that is how much God loves us, everyone of us. No matter who we are or whatever we have done. As the author of St John's Gospel puts it (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Today is known as Passion Sunday in the Church calendar, when we think about how much God's love for us cost him in the suffering and death of Jesus. Passion in this context comes from the Latin word for suffering but the everyday meaning of overwhelming love is appropriate too. How much does he love me? Enough to die for me. **Anne**



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 18th March

10.00am Family Eucharist
11.30am Thirty Minute church
12.00 Home alone lunch
2.30pm Baptism of Connor William Smith
4.00pm Baptism rehearsal

Mon 19th Mar

10am Mothers Union –Sarah Gite –tales from my travels
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Tuesday 20th Mar

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's
4.30-9.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
7.30pm Bible study group

Weds 21st Mar

No morning prayer
10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee
1.30 -3pm Tots and Toddlers time
7.30 pm Lent Course Abbey centre -Justice

Thurs 22nd Mar

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

Fri 23rd Mar

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 24th Mar

Sun 25th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Family Eucharist

Rotas: 25th Mar Palm Sunday

Sides people : Fiona Murphy, Norman Critchlow

Readers: Norman Critchlow, Lesley Flood

Intercessions: Liz Hodges

Offertory: Geoff Brown, Joy Brown

Chalice: Lesley Flood, Joy Brown

Counting: Marion Angus, Geoffrey Brown

Coffee: Julie Creasey, Geoffrey Brown

Servers: Nigel Evans, Richard Davies

Jnr church: Mothering Sunday

Church Cleaning: Hazel & Pam

18th Mar 5th Sunday of Lent

Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone

Pradeep Anthony, Keith Hellewell

Catherine Galvin

Diana Dale, Geoffrey Brown

Catherine Galvin, Lesley Flood

Marion Angus, Chris Newton

Richard & Linda Warr

Norman Critchlow, Ken Fitzhugh

Thirty minute church

Jules & Des



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please take a copy of the flyer detailing the Holy Week services

Sat 14th Apr Stations of the Resurrection

Sun 22nd April 11.30am APCM

Sun May 6th 6.30 pm Healing service

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 July 8th Barbecue following 30 minute Church for St Benedict's Day.

Sun 15th July 6.30 pm Shared evening worship for St Benedict's Patronal Festival

Sun 21st Oct 10.45 Shared worship ACBC