

Sun 21st Jan

10.00am Holy Communion
12.00am Home Alone Lunch

Mon 22nd January

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Tuesday 23rd Jan

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's
4.30-7.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
7.30pm Bible study group
7.45pm Home group meeting

Weds 24th Jan

9.00am Said Morning prayer @Abbey centre
10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee
1.30-3.00pm Tots & Toddlers time
7.30pm PCC meeting

Thurs 25th Jan

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

Fri 26th Jan

12 -1.30 pm Network lunch at Abbey Centre

Sat 27^h Jan

Sun 28th Jan

10.00am SNPC service at St Benedict's
Holy Communion

St Benedict's Parish News

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21st January 2018

3rd Sunday of 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 following the main Sunday morning service.

Rotas: 28th Jan Candlemas
Sides people : Geoff & Brenda Clarke
Readers: SNPC members
Intercessions: Mary Roach
Offertory: Phil & Mary Laraman
Chalice: Lesley Flood, Chris Newton
Counting: Pradeep Anthony, Mary Roach
Coffee: Bill & Hazel Christie
Servers: Nigel Evans , Paula Swain
Jnr church: Connie, Titalayo
Church Cleaning: Hazel & Pam

21st Jan Epiphany 3
Norman Critchlow, Trish Coniff
David Bull, Enamarie Olasope
Sue Wilson
Geoff & Brenda Clarke
David Bull, Lesley Flood
David Bull, Marion Angus
Eileen Daley, Nigel Evans
Sue Franklin, Julie Creasey,
Rev Anne E, Debbie
Jules & Des

Reckless Generosity

We have been increasingly aware over the last few years that the resources of this beautiful planet we are privileged to call home are not limitless. That has led, rightly, to a growing concern as to how we can use them more responsibly and live sustainably. More questionable from a Christian point of view, is the sense that we cannot afford to be generous, that we must preserve what we have for ourselves, and protect ourselves from those who call for their share. Here in this Sunday's Gospel reading – the very well-known story of the wedding feast at Cana – we are given an example of the reckless, overflowing generosity of God. Indeed, we might go as far as to see it as irresponsible; there appears to be no check that the recipients were worthy or would not abuse the gift. Just the opposite in fact. It is no less shocking if we see it as the author of John's Gospel sees it, as a sign of who Jesus is – the overflowing of the grace of God poured out on the worthy and unworthy, the scandalous generosity which led in the end to Jesus' crucifixion. Are we willing to live as generously, both in our material lives and in our spiritual outlook towards others?

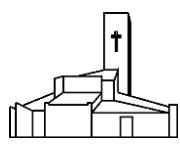
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 23rd Jan 7.45pm Home Group
Weds 24th Jan 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Sun 28th Jan SNPC service at St Benedict's
Sun Feb 4th 10.00am Confirmation service
Sun 4th Feb Evening Youth Service
Weds 7th Feb 11.30-1.30pm St Benedict's Café
Weds 14th Feb Ash Wednesday
Tues 20th Feb Lent course TRMC

Thurs 1st Mar Lent course St Benedict's
Sat 3rd Mar 9.30am Bishops Bible Day @Northampton High School
Weds 7th March Lent course Sts F & T
Thurs 15th Mar Lent course TRMC
Weds 21st Mar Lent course Abbey centre
Sun 15th April APCM (proposed date)
Sat 12th / Sun 13th May Flower Festival-theme Peace
Sat 30th June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree
Sun 17th June Shared worship at TRMC
Sun 15th July St Benedict's Patronal Festival



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