

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Readings for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

### FIRST READING

Genesis 14 v 17-20

### SECOND READING

Revelation 19 v 6-10

### GOSPEL

John 2 v 1-11

## Readings for 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – please note that these are the readings for Candlemas.

Malachi 3 :1-5

Hebrews 2 :14-18

Luke 2 :22-40

## Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation service at St Benedict's on **February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018** when we will welcome Bishop John.

## Network Lunch

A Simple Buffet Lunch (free of charge) 12 -1.30pm Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Abbey Centre. An initiative of SNPC for all those who are interested in helping our local communities work together. Any one interested is welcome to attend – RSVP to Sarah on 01604 767568 or admin@abbeycentre.org.uk

## Weekly Envelopes

New sets of Weekly envelopes are being ordered for the coming year. If you are a current envelope user but no longer wish to use envelopes, or if you would like to give regularly using envelopes please let Richard Warr know. Email: Richardwarr65@gmail.com

## Swimarathon

We are getting teams together to participate in this year's Swimarathon on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to raise funds for the church, youth group and other local charities. If you can swim two lengths come and join us. **Chris Hunt.**

## Uniformed Organizations thinking Day.

Our 10am service on February 11<sup>th</sup> will be joined by St Benedict's Guides, Brownies and Rainbows as they share with us their thinking day. The Guides will have a sleepover in church on the preceding night.

## Invitation to join Evangelism training sessions

**On Wednesdays Jan 24, 31, Feb 07, 14, Mar 21 2018**  
Bouverie Court NN4 7YD and out and about. Would you like to join one or more of our Jan / Feb / March sessions on evangelism? **Each session is stand-alone – do come to one or more.**  
A variety of free evenings exploring ways of presenting and explaining the gospel, using the Bible in evangelism, and helping others to witness to Christ. Included are resources and projects to try out in your church. Contact Liz Holdsworth tel. 01604 887070

## Bishop's Bible Day: Theme: 'Saint Paul for Today'

**9.30am Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Northampton High School**

A day of studying the Bible with Bishop Donald.

**Open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Bible.** This event is free (*donations welcome*). There will be two addresses from Bishop Donald, a variety of workshops, worship and fellowship. Just bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Do encourage others to come with you. We look forward to seeing you there, for another great diocesan day together. For more details speak to Rev. Anne or Lesley Flood

## Facebook

Have you been onto the St Benedicts church facebook page yet? If not, give it a try and do 'like' the page.

## Churches together service Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

The service will have as a particular theme ministry and mission to those with mental illness. It will be an opportunity for the wider local church to hear about and support our chaplaincy ministry to hospital patients. It will also be an opportunity to hear about resources and initiatives in the community which will help local churches to respond to the needs of those with mental illness and developmental disorders. Access to St Andrew's is via the Main Entrance on Billing Road. Those attending may use any designated car park. Please note that no children (those under 18) should attend. Anyone who would like a lift please see **Rev Anne.**