

Sun 24th Dec Christmas Eve
10.00am Holy Communion
4 & 5.30pm Christingle services
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day
10.00am Christmas Day Family
Communion

Tuesday 26th Dec

Weds 27th Dec

Thurs 28th Dec

Fri 29th Dec

Sat 30th Dec

Sun 31st Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Holy Communion

8.00pm onwards New Years Eve
celebrations in church

St Benedict's Parish News

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24th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

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: 24th Dec 4th Sunday in Advent

Sides people : Marion Angus Keith Dunkley

Readers: Richard Warr, Mary Roach

Intercessions: Norman Critchlow

Offertory: Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone

Chalice: Chris Newton, Mary Roach

Counting: Richard Warr, Marion Angus

Coffee: Eileen Daley, Geoffrey Brown

Servers: Sue Franklin, Catherine Galvin

Jnr church: TBC

Church Cleaning: Hazel & Pam

25th Dec Christmas Day

Des & Jenny Peasland

Richard Davis, David Hill

Brenda Clarke

Mary Roach, Geoffrey Brown

Mary Roach Joy Brown

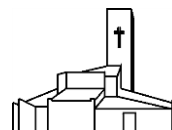
Nigel Evans, Julie Creasey

No Junior church

"How silently, how silently..."

Just imagine the scenario: The author of a blockbuster is appearing at a book-signing. The event is publicised for months before hand and people queue all night to get in. When the celebrity arrives, it is to a cloudburst of camera lights, a red carpet and an interview which will be flashed around the world. God does things differently. Yes his arrival has been foretold - but in the holy book of an obscure if remarkably persistent people on the fringes of the Empires of the ancient world. There are lights - angelic lights but they appear only to the dirty and despised shepherds. The wise have to make do with a star. The very Word who created the universe comes as one who cannot yet speak. Jesus birth is not recorded in the annals of the wider world around him. Evidence that it didn't happen, or just God doing things differently? And if so, where might he be entering silently into our world today? Have a happy and blessed Christmas. **Anne**

Advance Notice - our next service of prayer and healing is on Sunday 7th January at 6.30pm



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

Fri 22nd Dec 5-7pm Christingle making

Sun Dec 24th 4pm & 5.30pm

Christingle services

Sun 7th Jan 6.30pm prayer & healing

Tues 9th Jan 7.45pm Home Group

Sat 13th Jan 12noon Safeguarding course

Tues 23rd Jan 7.45pm Home Group

Sun 28th Jan SNPC service at St Benedict's

Sun Feb 4th 10.00am Confirmation service

Sun 4th Feb Evening Youth Service

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

@NHS

Weds 7th March Lent course Sts F & T

Thurs 15th Mar Lent course TRMC

Weds 21st Mar Lent course Abbey centre

Sat 12/ Sun 13th May Flower Festival