

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Words for the Gospel Acclamation

(Not sung during Advent)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord God Almighty
reigns,
let us rejoice and sing and give him glory,
all the glory.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

Readings for 24th Dec 2017

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7 v 1-11,16

SECOND READING

Romans 16, v 25-27

GOSPEL

Luke 1 v 26-38

24 /12/17

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 62 v 6-12

Titus 3 v 4-7

Luke 2v [1-7] 8-20

Readings for 31st Dec 2017

Isaiah 61 v10 – 62 v 3

Galatians 4 v 4-7

Luke 2 v 15-21

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation service next
year at St Benedict's on February 4th
2018. Anyone interested in being
confirmed please see **Rev Anne**

Church Cleaning

Nessie Mills has faithfully organised our
Church cleaning rota for many years but
will be giving up in the new year as she
and Roger are moving North. This is one
of the many unseen tasks which are vital
to the comfort and welcome of the Church
- if anyone feels that they could take this
over please see Rev Anne.

Church Rotas

New Rotas for Junior Church helpers and
church cleaning are now available. Please
pick up a copy in church if you have not
received one electronically. If you would
like to help please speak to Rev Anne
(cleaning rota) or Constance Thomas
(junior church)

Advance notice

The next service of healing and prayer is
on Sunday January 7th 2018 at 6.30pm

Safeguarding course

On Sat 13th Jan at 12noon we are
running a Safeguarding course in
church. Please put the date in your
diary. There will be a list in church to
sign up. *Paula Swain*

Its Cold outside

With winter well and truly with us it's
more important than ever that we all
check that friends, relatives and
neighbours who may be elderly or
living alone are well and keeping warm
and fed.

STAMPS & POSTCARDS

We are still collecting used postage
stamps, and at this time of year we are
all more likely to receive them than at
other. Please support the work of The
Leprosy Mission by cutting around your
stamps, leaving at least a quarter of an
inch of envelope and then put them in
the box in church. All stamps are
acceptable, and sellable. In 2016 over
£160,000 was raised from used stamps
and collectables. We are also still
collecting postcards, new and used, in
support of MAF . Very many thanks,

Quiet prayer

Quiet Prayer will restart in the New
Year.

Carols & Services at Christmas 2017

Please put the dates in your diary:

All will be very welcome at all of the
services

Sun Dec 24th 4pm & 5.30pm

Christingle services @ St Bens

Sun Dec 24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass
with Carols

Mon Dec 25th 10am Christmas Family
Communion with Carols



Christmas Greetings to all at St Benedict's

As we celebrate this special
birthday, we wish you, your families
and friends a peaceful and loving
Christmas and a healthy and happy
new year.

Rev Anne and Richard are sorry
that we cannot personally send
Christmas greetings but wish
everyone at St Benedict's a very
blessed Christmas and New Year.
It's good to be with you.

"New Year's Eve Alone"?



There is another option
this year - come along to
Church at about 8pm for
a bring and share
gathering, with food, friendship and
some games, with a short watch
night service just before midnight
and a few fireworks to welcome in
the New Year."

