

For our prayers

Church

We pray for love, courage, imagination and faithfulness in the Church's preaching, and that its life may match the good news it proclaims. We pray for a deepening of our worship, our joy and our love of Christ, and that it may spill out from us into the world around us.

World

We give thanks for Christ, the Prince of Peace, and pray that his kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. We pray especially for those caught up in violence and for all who have fled from it. And as we give thanks that Christ comes in humility, we pray for the poor, the oppressed, the marginalised and those considered unimportant, that they may know the good news of his birth.

Our Neighbours

We pray for all who work in the emergency services in this city. Within the parish we pray for those who work at the Department of Pathology, the Gurdon Institute of Cancer and Developmental Biology, and the Department of Chemical Engineering. And at St Bene't's we give thanks and pray for our wardens and deputy wardens.

Those in Need

We pray for those struggling with mental illness, that they may find support and understanding. Among the sick we pray for Juliet Dusingberre, Steven Canning, Ethel Drake, Mhairi Burden, Rosey Feuall and Peggy Pike, that they may know Christ as their companion and hope.

The Departed

We pray that those who have died may rest in peace and rise in glory, and commend to God's mercy the recently departed, our own departed loved ones, and those whose year's mind falls this week, among them for Ada Nellie Field, Thea Coales and Celia Scott-Townsend.

Calendar

Daily Services Eucharist: 8.00am; Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

Weekly Services Additional Eucharist: 10.30am on Tuesday followed by coffee; Silent Prayer before the Sacrament: 5.30pm on Thursdays before Evening Prayer

Monthly Services Reflective Service: 8.00pm first Sunday of the month

Holy Days Tuesday (1 January) Naming and Circumcision of Jesus; Wednesday (2) Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith.

Next Sunday Epiphany

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Zachary Guiliano

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72.10-15, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12.

Tidings

The First Sunday of Christmas
30 December 2018

St Bene't's
CAMBRIDGE

Welcome to St Bene't's. If you are new, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or to members of the congregation, and if you are attending the 10.00am service, please stay on afterwards for fizz. There is a hearing loop in operation, and large print orders of service are available. If you would like a gluten-free host at communion, please let the priest know before the service starts.

8.00am Eucharist *traditional language*

10.00am Sung Eucharist *The service follows the order in the seasonal booklets. (Children's groups meet in the Ramsey Rooms.)*

Processional Hymn: 39 Unto us a boy is born!

Collect: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26, *read by Elizabeth Walser*

Gradual: Psalm 148.7-end (*see overleaf*), *cantor Alison Wood*

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17, *read by Gillian Baker*

Gospel: Luke 2.41-end

Preacher: The Reverend Anna Matthews

Intercessions: *Led by Katharine Ames-Lewis*

Offertory Hymn: Sheet: Glory to God! All heav'n with joy is ringing
(Tune: Highwood)

Mass Setting: Murray

Communion Hymn: 21 A great and mighty wonder

Post Communion Prayer: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Hymn: 25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

Organ voluntary: Bach *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 148



- 7 Praise the / Lord from the / earth,*
you sea monsters / and all / deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, / snow and / mist,*
tempestuous wind, ful-/filling his / word;
- 9 Mountains / and all / hills,*
fruit trees / and all / cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts / and all / cattle,*
creeping things and / birds on the / wing;
- 11 Kings of the earth / and all / peoples,*
princes and all rulers / of the / world;
- 12 Young men and women, old and / young to-/gether,*
let them praise the / name of the / Lord.
- 13 For his name only / is ex-/alted,*
his splendour above / earth and / heaven.
- 14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his / faithful /
servants,*
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. / Alle-/luia.

Cantor: Glory to the Father and / to the / Son*
and to the / Holy / Spirit

All: As it was in the be-/ginning is / now*
and shall be for / ever. A-/men.

Notices

Help with the 'Big Brunch', 1 January: St Andrew the Great is holding an open lunch for the homeless on Tuesday January from 11.30am-3pm. Volunteers are needed with setting up, cooking, serving, talking to people and much more. If you are able to help in any way or would like further information, please contact Sally-Marie Gardner on Sally-Marie.Gardner@nhs.net

Vicar's sabbatical: Anna is on sabbatical from 1 January to the end of March. In her absence, in the first instance please contact the churchwardens with any queries, or Zack if you need a priest/pastoral care.

Foodbank Collection: Next Sunday being the first one of the month there will be a collection of goods for the Foodbank, and there is a list on the notice board at the back of church for items particularly needed. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.

CCHP update: Rotas for Saturdays are now being organised; please speak to Alistair Morfey, Sarah Airriess, or Philip Blakely for more information, or to be put onto the CCHP mailing list.

Reflective service for Epiphany, 8pm Sunday 6 January: The theme is *Journeying with the Magi*. Everyone is invited to find time for stillness, peace, music and reflection. Refreshments are served after the service.

Winter Fair and Sponsored Sleepout at St Giles Church, 26 January: The Whitworth Trust and Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Groups have teamed up to hold this event. From 1.30-4.30pm here will be stalls, refreshments, cake, and entertainment at St Giles Church, and from 6pm, volunteers will prepare to sleep overnight in the churchyard, to raise money and awareness for local charities. Further details are available from: www.camcrag.org.uk/sleepout2019/

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Please send notices for Tidings to info@stbenetschurch.org by Wednesday evening.

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