

Sunday 19th July Trinity 7 Proper 11

10.00am Family Communion service
12.30pm Home Alone lunch Queen Eleanor

1pm Baptism of Hudson Parry

4.00pm St Bens @4

Mon 20th July

10am Mothers Union

Tues 21st July

Tots and Toddlers restarts September

4-8.30pm Guiding groups

7pm SNPC meeting Abbey Centre

Weds 22nd July Mary Magdelene

10am Said Communion

Thursday 23rd July

Bible study group restarts in September

6.30pm Bell plate group 7.00pm

Friday 24th July

9pm Compline on Facebook

Sat 25th July James the Apostle

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th July Trinity 8 Proper 12

10.00am Family Communion service

4.00pm St Bens @4

19th July 2026 7th Sunday after Trinity

Sides people Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone

Readers: Catherine Galvin, Bill Christie

Intercessions: Fiona Murphy

Offertory* Fiona Murphy, Juliette Dunkley

Counting Richard Warr, Geoffrey Brown

Coffee : Dawn Bolt & Linda Warr

Junior church: -

Cleaning:-

If you are on the rota to read or lead intercessions and cannot do them, please arrange a swop with someone else on the rota and let Richard Warr (07732638245) know- if a week before, or the church warden Marion if it's a last minute change.

26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity

Richard & Linda Warr

Rosemary Morgan, Richard Warr

Fiona Murphy

Keith & Juliette Dunkley

Marion Angus, Chris Hunt

Carolyn Runc, Geoffrey Brown

Connie +1

Sat 26th Sept 6pm Harvest Supper

Sat 7th Oct 6pm Songs of Praise for Remembrance

Fri 6th Nov 6pm Remembrance Concert

Sat 5th Dec 11am-3pm Christmas Tree Festival

Sun 6th Dec 2.30pm Rotary community Carol service

6pm-8pm Christmas Tree Glow

Sun 13th Dec Carol Service



FUTURE DATES FOR **Your diary**

Thurs 3rd Sept 10am Bible Study group restarts

Sun 6th Sept 10.00am service to include School bags blessing

Tues 8th Sept 10am Tots and Toddlers restarts

Weds 23rd Sept 7.30pm Deanery Synod

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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 coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday Morning service.

Discernment or a Quick Fix?

There are plenty of things in our life we try to do quickly. We could try and get rich quick, lose weight fast, we could buy a car in a matter of minutes, sell our house, even get married, or end a relationship, quit our jobs and apply for a different one, sign up for a course....all these things we can do relatively quickly and they are all part of our culture that tells us we don't need to wait.

The parable of the sower in today's Gospel is a story about waiting. It focusses on what is worth waiting for. It's about letting time take its course. It's about discernment. Martin Luther preached a sermon on this parable; he said that the disciples of Christ are the ones who lay hold of and keep the Word in a good and honest heart, and bring forth fruit with patience, those who hear the Word and steadfastly retain it, meditate upon it and act in harmony with it - a good description of discernment.

Discernment is that process which is fundamental to discipleship and faithfulness. It is the opposite to a quick fix. It is about listening, it is about letting time unfold and it is about allowing God to work. This may not sound doesn't sound like a very pro-active way of behaving. It is counter-cultural. 'If you need or want something, go out and get it now' would appear to be the message that we are sold. But listening is a pro-active exercise, that acknowledging the importance of time is also a creative gift that we can nurture in ourselves, and that being mindful to how and where God works is at the heart of our Christian commitment.

Another way to describe that is prayer.

Blessings Revd Steven Rothwell

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