

COLLECT

All: Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

19th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 44 v 6-8

Romans 8 v 12-25

Matthew 13v 24-30, 36-43

26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3 v 5-12

Romans 8 v 26-end

Matthew 13v 31-33, 44-52



Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support of the Foodbank and would like to remind you that with the School Summer holidays approaching the work of the Foodbank is vital for many.

If you are able to add items to your shopping list that children and young people might enjoy as a treat that would be appreciated along with any other donations you feel you are able to give.



Warm Welcome Space

Thursdays 12noon to 2pm. All welcome

The PCC is looking to ways in which we could improve our offering at the Welcome spaces. If you have any suggestions please speak to a member of the PCC. Thank you.

Ride and Stride 2026

Saturday 12th September



It may seem a long way off but all the more time to prepare! With over 350 churches and chapels and 50% of sponsorship money returning to the church or chapel nominated by you, why not join in, cycle, walk, or even drive!

More information and sponsorship forms available from Jenny Peasland. And this will be Des' 18th year of cycling for the historic churches trust. Why not ride with him?



Church Website

We have changed the St Benedict's church website. The new website address is as shown on the front of the newsletter. Why not visit the site and see what has changed. Website

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16563/>

or scan the QR code

School Bags Service

10 am Sunday 6th September

Advance notice of this service, A "church school bags service," often called a **Blessing of the Backpacks** or **School Bag Sunday**, is a special church service where students, teachers, and staff bring their backpacks, work bags, or laptop cases to church to receive a prayer of blessing for the new academic year.

Abby Davie

St Bens@4 member Abbie Davie has won through to the World Powerlifting championship to be held in South Africa. So congratulations to Abby, To help fund the trip Abby needs to raise funds and (with her parents help) you can pre order authentic Indian dishes from 'Davies Kitchen' by contacting Pete Davies, tel. 07894911144

or email: psdave@hotmail.com

The next date for the Davie's kitchen 2nd August. Please preorder from the Menu in church.

Your PCC

To keep everyone up to date on what your PCC is doing, a brief summary has been prepared. Copies are available in church and if you have not yet but would like to receive a copy electronically please let me know. **Richard**

St Benedict's Day

What a joyous occasion as we celebrated St Benedict's day last Sunday in the company of Arch Deacon Richard and followed the service with an **International Lunch**. So many sumptuous dishes from around the world. A big thank you to all who organised the lunch, prepared the dishes, ate the food and especial thanks to our washers-uppers who did a splendid job.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Bible Study group are breaking for the summer. The next meeting is on 3rd September. If you would like more information about the group, please contact me, Catherine, email:

CatherineG@stbens.uk or call mobile 07368148191