

COLLECT

All: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity
2 Kings 4: 42 – end
Romans 9 v 1-5
Matthew 14 v 13-21

9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity
1 Kings 19 v 9-18
Romans 10 v 5-15
Matthew 14 v 22-33



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 Church Stewards



The date of the Ride and stride is fast approaching! 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. If you could spare an hour or two on the 12th to help welcome cyclists please let Jenny know.



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.

Davie's Kitchen -open today

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 Abbie 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

If you can please preorder from the Menu in church.

Church Carparking



If you are ambulant please park on the country park carpark or on Hunsbury Hill Rd leaving the limited spaces in the church carpark for blue badge holders and the less ambulant. Many thanks.

Friday evening Compline

There will be no Service of Compline on 31st July and 7th August on Facebook. Big thankyou to Liz for recording this for us week by week. You can hear previous services of Compline on the St Benedict's facebook page.

Holiday travels

If you visit any churches over the summer holidays and notice anything that you think we could take on at St Benedict's, please do let your PCC know, and photos are always helpful. Our ECO team are looking at what other churches have done as we work towards our silver and Gold eco awards. Have a look at the plan by the side door to see what we have achieved so far.

Mary Sumner anniversary

Next Sunday 9th August Mothers Union will be celebrating during the morning service the 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church.