

Sunday 23rd Aug Trinity 12 Proper 16

10.00am Family Communion service

Mon 24th Aug Bartholemew the Apostle**Tues 25th August****Weds 26th August**

10am service of the word

Thursday 27th August

6.30pm Bell plate group 7.00pm

Friday 28th August

6pm Compline on StBensfacebook

Sat 29th August

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th Aug Trinity 13 Proper 17

10.00am Family Communion service

2pm Baptism of Juliet Walker

30th Aug 2026 13th Sunday after Trinity**Sides people** Dawn Bolt Jenny Peasland**Readers:** Catherine Galvin, Rosemary Morgan**Intercessions:** Jacqueline Hughes**Offertory*** Des Peasland, Richard Warr**Counting** Alison Marlow, Norman Critchlow**Coffee :** Phil & Mary Laraman**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.

23rd Aug 12th Sunday after Trinity

Trish Coniff, Fiona Murphy

Richard Warr, Bill Christie

Sue Franklin

Liz Hodges, Juliette Dunkley

Jacqueline Hughes, Carolyn Runc

Dawn Bolt, Richard Warr

Connie +1



FUTURE DATES FOR Your diary

Weds 2nd Sept St Bens Café**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**Sun 13th Sept** St Bens@4 restarts**Tues 22nd Sept** 7:30pm SNPC@ ACBC**Weds 23rd Sept** 7.30pm Deanery Synod**Sat 26th Sept** 6pm Harvest Supper**Sun 11th Oct** 10.30am SNPC service**Sat 7th Nov** 6pm songs of praise for Remembrance**Sun 29th Nov** 6.30pm advent service St Francis & Therese**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 Nine lessons and Carols Service**Mon 14th Dec** 6pm Carol singing at Tesco**Tues 9th Feb** 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Film**Sun 7th Mar Mothering Sunday**

8.30am breakfast

11.15 MU cake sale

St Benedict's Church NORTHAMPTON

Newsletter 23rd August 2026**Trinity 12**St Benedict'sfacebook Web: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16563/>Enquiries tel. 07564 605275 email: admin@stbens.uk what3Words: *then.lived.waters*

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.

Bag Blessing service

On 6th September at 10am within our communion service we will be having our Bag Blessing. You may not be familiar with Bag Blessing or you may remember that we have done this before at St Benedict's.

What is it about? Bag Blessing services started as ways to show support and encouragement to children and young people as nursery, school, college or university begins in September. Children and young people, please bring your school back pack, or book bag, or if you are older, whatever bag you take to college. As we bless them it shows that we all, as the family of God here, send them into their learning with our blessings and send them out in God's name.

But it is much more than that. We encourage **everyone** to think about a bag which represents them – a handbag, rucksack, tool box, briefcase, garden bag, laptop bag, knitting basket, or whatever – perhaps a library bag as we are all always learning. We want **everyone** to bring a bag and we will bless all of our work, learning and living together. What bag can you bring?

During the service we will bring all these bags to the front, and we will ask the congregation to tie on labels on which they have written a blessing. We will be hearing from children and young people and we will remember all of us who bring our bags to church.

We will bless them all, in the name of God the Father, who nurtures us all, Jesus, who inspires and redeems us and the Spirit who accompanies us through all our work, leisure and learning. You will have the opportunity to bless the children and young people and each other in God's name.

We hope you will come and encourage others to come too.

Blessings Liz H

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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