The Parish of St Benet, Kentish Town

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UPCOMING EVENTS



HARVEST SUNDAY

11 am: Harvest Children's Mass

Sunday 7th October 2018

At our Harvest Sunday Mass, we give thanks for all God's good gifts to us and bring our offerings of non-perishable food to be distributed to those in need. There will be children's activities available for our younger infants, and Key Stage 2 children from Kentish Town CE Primary School will be participating in our liturgy.



Ministry to Children at St Benet's, Kentish Town.

Children's Masses

Children's Masses will be celebrated on the following Sundays instead of our usual Parish Mass. We aim in a Children's Mass to offer a liturgy more attuned to the worshipping needs of our children which is simpler and shorter, and with appropriate music.

"Back to School"	Sunday 9th September 2018
Harvest Sunday	Sunday 7th October 2018
Advent Sunday	Sunday 2nd December 2018
Candlemas	Sunday 3rd February 2019
Mothering Sunday	Sunday 31st March 2019
St Benet's Day	Sunday 14th July 2019

Autumn and Lent Projects for Older Key Stage 2 children

Building on the success of an art project we undertook last year, we will be offering a special project for our older children (i.e. Key Stage 2: 7-11 yrs) on Sunday mornings throughout the Autumn and then in Lent. These projects will use art, craft, music and drama to enable our older children to reflect on their journey of faith.

Autumn Project: "It's all a big drama this Christmas"

Our Autumn project will run from **4th Nov until 16th December 2018**. It will prepare a dramatic presentation to be used at our Advent children's Mass on Sunday 2nd December, and will explore ways in which we prepare the way for Jesus.

It will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 am: 4th November 2018; 11th November 2018; 18th November 2018; 25th November 2018; 2nd December 2018; 9th December 2018; 16th December 2018.

Lent Project: "Who is Jesus?"

Our project in Lent will encourage our older children to explore the question of who Jesus is for them. A range of media and crafts will be used to help them reflect on the meaning of the Son of God in their lives.

This second project with take place at the 11 am Sung Mass on 4 Sundays throughout Lent (i.e. every Sunday except Mothering Sunday): 10th March 2019; 17th March 2019; 24th March 2019; 7th April 2019.

Messy Church

Messy Church is a programme of worship and teaching for young children. It meets on a Friday early evening twice a term.

It involves a time of creativity and fun, followed by worship, and then a slap up tea together. We hope that through activities and worship more attuned to the needs of our children, we help them to grow in faith.

Messy Church usually begins at 3.30 pm when school ends, and finishes around 5 pm. It takes place this term at Kentish Town CE Primary School. Parents are asked to stay with their children for Messy Church, and each session is led by our trained Sunday School teachers.

Messy Church will take place on **Friday 5th October**, when we celebrate Harvest, and on **Friday 9th November** when we will think about Remembrance Sunday and the 100th anniversary of the end of World War !.

Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th March 2019

The Walsingham children's pilgrimage is an opportunity for children between the ages of 7 and 11 to travel to Walsingham together and experience a pilgrimage to that holy place in an atmosphere that includes worship specifically intended to be more approachable for younger christians.

We travel with a group of children from St Alban's Holborn, and stay over night in the Shrine's wonderful accommodation and follow a programme of events arranged specially for our young pilgrims. Details to follow soon. A group went last year and had a terrific time!

Confirmation

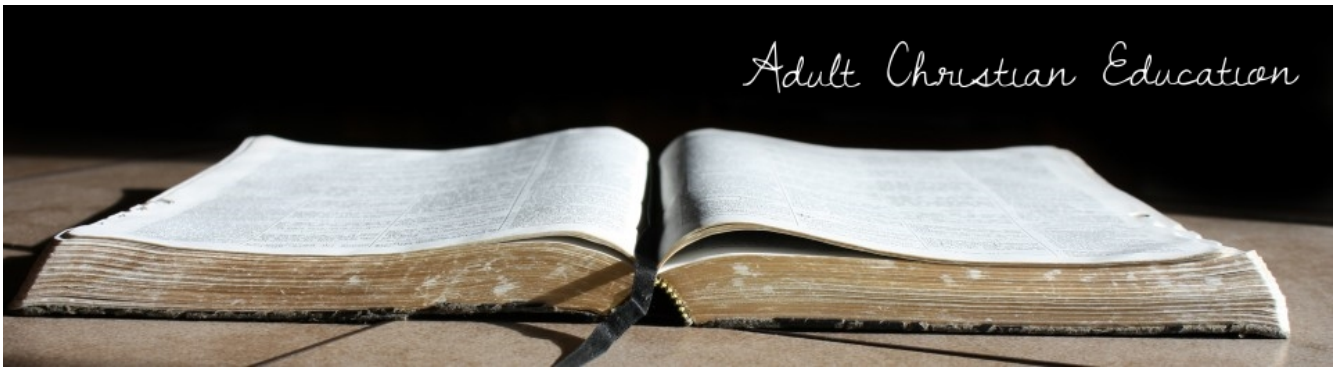
Our parish confirmation will take place next year on St Benedict's Day, **Sunday 14th July 2019.** Any child from the age of 7 upwards may be confirmed. It is also possible for adults to be baptized and/or confirmed if they have not been.

Confirmation classes will take place for children once a fortnight on Thursday evenings from the Autumn until the confirmation in the summer. Our whole confirmation class will all attend the Walsingham Children's pilgrimage (Friday 15th March – Sunday 17th March 2019) as part of their preparation.

Different arrangements will be made for adults who wish to be confirmed. Please be in touch with either Fr Peter or Fr Nigel if you or your child wish to be confirmed.



Last year's confirmation candidates on Easter Day 2018.



Sponsored Walk to Westminster Abbey

A sponsored walk to Westminster Abbey in aid of church funds will take place on **Saturday 13th October 2018**. As in previous years, we will set off late morning and aim to arrive at Westminster Abbey on the feast day of their patron, S. Edward the Confessor, in time for their festival Evensong at 3 pm, followed by tea. Sponsorship forms will be available soon.

Day Trip to Oxford

A visit is planned to Oxford on **Saturday 27th October 2018** to learn more about the history of that great city and ancient university. We will begin with Mass at St Stephen's House, and then have the opportunity to see the Burne-Jones stained glass windows which we sold to Exeter College in their new home. We will finish the day with tea kindly provided by Exeter College, and Evensong. We will leave St Benet's at 9 am, and hope to be home by the evening.

National Gallery Visit: Mantegna and Bellini

On **Saturday 24th November 2018**, we will visit a new exhibition comparing the work of brothers-in-law Andrea Mantenga and Giovanni Bellini. This is a terrific opportunity to see Renaissance masterpieces on loan from great European collections and to ponder these two men's depictions of biblical narratives ad the mysteries of our salvation. Our visit will begin with a short lecture at St Benet's at 10.00 am given by Edoardo Fanfani, our new pastoral assistant.

Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham

We will be making our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham from **Friday 21st June – Sunday 23rd June 2019**. A weekend pilgrimage involves travelling to Walsingham on Friday afternoon, staying over two nights at the Shrine, and

returning on Sunday evening. Excellent, fully catered accommodation is available at the Shrine for pilgrims.

We travel with pilgrims from the Parish of Old St Pancras, and participate in the Shrine's pilgrimage programme which involves, amongst other things: a Pilgrimage Mass on the Saturday night; an evening candlelit procession; the opportunity of receiving the Church's ministries of forgiveness and healing, and Sprinkling and Benediction on Sunday afternoon. For further details, please see Fr Peter.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

Sunday 11th November 2018

10.55 am: Mass of Requiem for Remembrance Sunday

Join us at St Benet's Church as we remember all those who have fallen in war and pray for a peaceful and just world. Sunday School provision is available for children during the service. Please note this service begins 5 minutes earlier than usual so we are able to keep the two minutes silence together at 11.00 am.

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(Church of England)

Monthly Mass in German



First Sunday of each month
4.00 pm Mass in German
4.45 pm Kaffee und Kuchen in the Vicarage

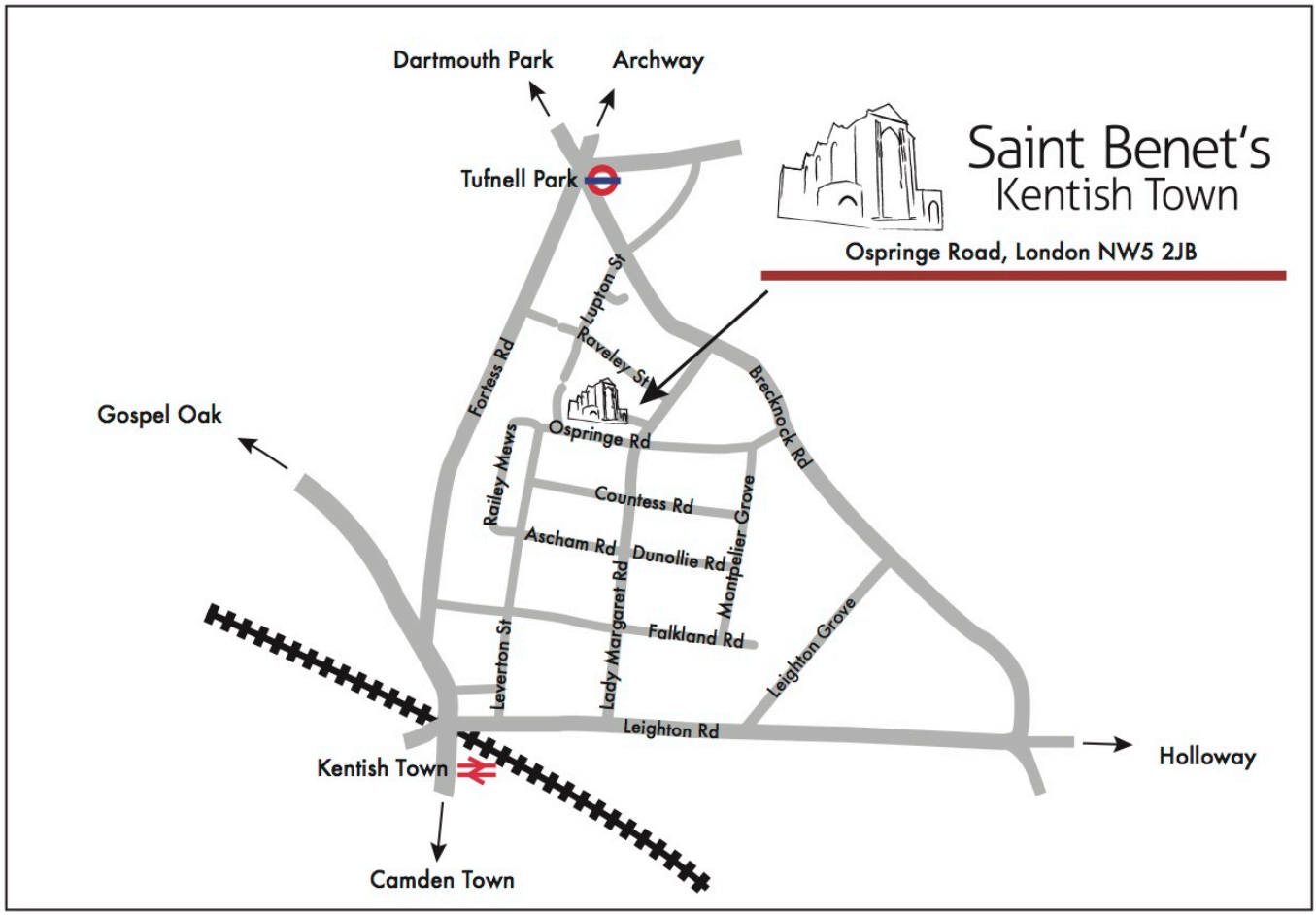
A monthly Anglican Mass with a homily is celebrated in German at St Benet's followed by time for coffee, cake, and conversation in German. All are welcome – whether you are a native German speaker, a learner of German, or a bi-lingual family with children.

Service Dates

Our Mass in German will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month on the following dates throughout 2018-19 at 4.00 pm:

Sunday 2nd September 2018	Sunday 3rd March 2019
Sunday 7th October 2018	Sunday 7th April 2019
Sunday 4th November 2018	Sunday 5th May 2019
Sunday 2nd December 2018	Sunday 2nd June 2019
Sunday 6th January 2019	Sunday 7th July 2019
Sunday 3rd February 2019	*No Mass in August*

How to find St Benet's Church, Kentish Town:



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