



St Benedict's Centre Newsletter

January 2022

We wish all our readers a very blessed and peaceful Christmas as we encounter afresh the truth of God with us – Emmanuel. Rejoicing that Christ the Saviour is born.

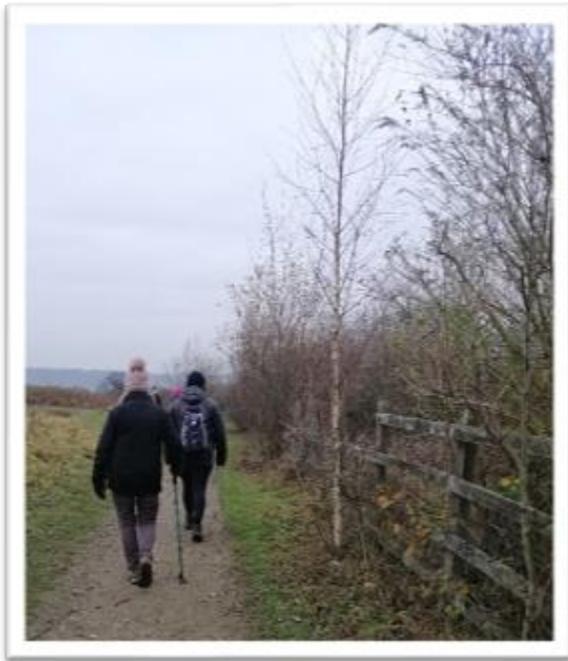
We all face the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic. People have greatly appreciated the space apart offered at St Benedict's to take stock and be refreshed for living in our current situations sharing the love of God in many different ways.

We were delighted that in December we were able to run an Advent quiet day, our first Walking with Jesus day and begin our weekday Eucharist.

The Eucharist is on Wednesdays in the Pilgrim Chapel, starting at 12.15, and last about 30 minutes. We are grateful to have a group of priests who will share the service.

Everyone is welcome at the Eucharist – so if you are passing or at the centre for the day please do come.

The first 'Walking with Jesus' was well received. It was a cold and cloudy day but that didn't deflect us from our walk focusing on Jesus – bright morning star, sun of righteousness. The light changed around us as we walked through meadows and woodland. We called to mind verses from the prophets reminding us that the light of God's presence is with us always.



The walks are all very easy, taking you through local woods and fields. The next one will take place on Thursday 20th January. More information is given below.

New Year Resolutions

Many people who come to the Centre to use the study rooms visit on a regular basis – once a month or once every two- three months. They often book a month in advance, knowing that if they have to cancel that will not be a problem or a cost. The fact that the booking is made means they are more likely to keep their day of rest or study.

There are probably an equal number of people who would like to come to the Centre more often but do not get round to making that regular monthly booking. We know this because they tell us so, regretting that this is the case. Perhaps you are one of these people.

As we start a new year what better time than to email Chichi to make a regular booking, knowing that if it needs to be cancelled or changed nearer the time we can do that easily.

Individual study rooms will cost £12 per day from January. Why not email Chichi now and get your dates in the diary. We look forward to welcoming you on many occasions through 2022.

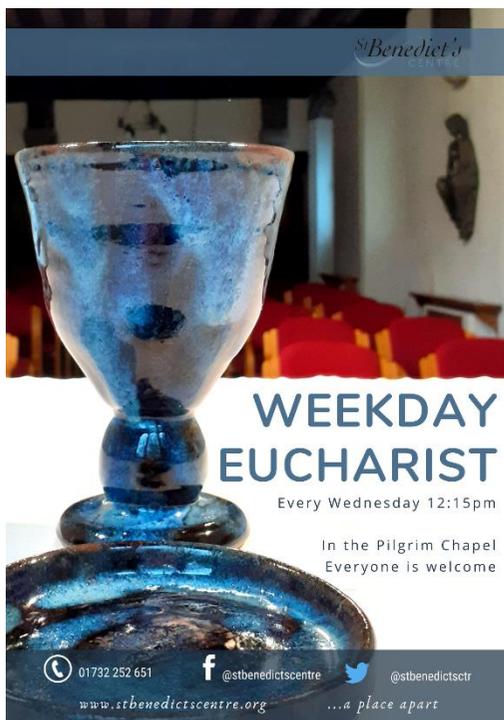


Email Chichi:
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January events at the Centre

Weekly Wednesday Eucharist

12.15 – 12.45pm, in the Pilgrim Chapel



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**WEEKDAY
EUCHARIST**

Every Wednesday 12:15pm

In the Pilgrim Chapel
Everyone is welcome

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We continue to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany through our weekday Eucharists

Everyone is welcome

No booking required.

Walking with Jesus



Our first 'Walking with Jesus' walk in Advent was popular and well received. We will offer a walk a month through 2022, each one reflection on a characteristic or attribute of Jesus' ministry.

Coffee is available from 9.30. Walks are introduced at 10am and we aim to leave the Centre by 10.30am.

Here are the dates for 2022

January 20 th	July 19 th
February 22 nd	August 11 th
March 22 nd	September 22 nd
April 5 th	October 27 th
May 19 th	November 22 nd
June 23 rd	December 20 th

Details of the January walk are on the next page.

Walking with Jesus

Thursday 20th January 9.30am for 10am – 3.30pm

"The glory that you have given me I have given them. So that they may be one, as we are one' John 17:22

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WALKING WITH JESUS

a monthly walk from St Benedict's Centre reflecting on an aspect of Jesus' life

St Benedict's Centre
Thursday 20 January
9.30am for 10am - 3:30pm

Cost £20
(includes hot drinks please bring your own lunch and wear suitable clothing for a potentially muddy walk)

Join us for a leisurely walk through quiet lanes and orchards as we reflect on Jesus' prayer that we might be one and what that means in the season of Epiphany and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

To book please contact:
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After lunch you will have the opportunity to retrace the morning walk again on your own or with a small group; walk in the Centre grounds, or just to sit and reflect further on Jesus' Epiphany call to unity in our diversity.

We conclude with an act of worship in the Pilgrim chapel at 3pm.

Cost for the day is £20 including hot drinks. Please bring lunch with you and please come prepared for a muddy walk!

To book contact bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Looking ahead... We have more events booked for the year but are being cautious at the moment until we have more clarity about the impact of the continuing Covid pandemic. Provisional dates for February include:

15th Benedictine Spirituality – stability

22nd Walking with Jesus

More details will follow but you might like to note the dates now.



Day Guests

'Every time I come here I do not want to leave'



So many people have appreciated the opportunity for a day apart in the current challenges we are all facing.

You can book an individual study/retreat room for £12. Please note the price increase from January. This includes hot drinks, the use of the beautiful grounds and the opportunity for private prayer in the Pilgrim Chapel and joining the Sisters in their offices.

Did you know we offer gift vouchers for individual quiet days – the perfect gift for someone in ministry.

To book your day of rest and retreat, or to purchase a voucher contact: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org.

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