

A Very Small Thought About Big Things

Winnie the Pooh once said he was a 'Bear of Very Little Brain', yet he often understood things that clever people rushed past. He knew how to wait. He knew how to listen. He knew that sometimes doing nothing, just sitting quietly with Piglet was the most important thing of all.

Quantum theology tells us something similar about God. At the smallest level of reality, nothing is solid in the way we expect. Things exist as possibilities. What we observe changes what is. The universe is not a machine ticking along without us; it is a relationship, held together by attention, love, and mystery.

Pooh lives this truth without naming it. He trusts that the forest will provide. He believes his friends matter more than answers. He knows that being present can change everything. In a quantum sense, Pooh "observes" the world with kindness and the world responds with honey, friendship, and just enough order to make life liveable.

God, in this light, is not a distant Watchmaker but the gentle Presence in the Hundred Acre Wood: closer than we think, delighting in small things, holding all possibilities open. God does not force outcomes but invites participation. Like Pooh, God waits patiently, making room.

Perhaps faith is less about understanding God and more about sitting quietly on a log, paying attention, trusting that love is doing something even when we can't see it.

And maybe, just maybe, those with 'Very Little Brains' are sometimes closest to the truth.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 14 th Feb	Feast of St. Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	4.00pm
Mass Intention:	Jack Reed RIP	
Sun 15 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am
Mon 16 th Feb	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am
Wed 18 th Feb	Ash Wednesday	10.00am & 7.00pm
Fri 20 th Feb	Friday after Ash Wednesday	10.00am
Sat 21 st Feb	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	4.00pm
Sun 22 nd Feb	First Sunday of Lent	9.30am

The Bible Time-line
7:00pm
Every Monday Evening
St. Benedict's Community Hall



Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

Mrs. Jo Currie who can be contacted at

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Walk with Jesus through Lent.



7pm Friday 27th Feb, 2026
St, Benedict's Church, Owen St, Atherstone
A path of love, of self-giving and of compassion
An evening with hymns, readings, Taizé chants,
psalms & silence



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



If there are any children in year 3 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion on June 6th and DO NOT attend St. Benedict's School . Parents will you please get in touch on 07502240034 in order that instruction on the sacrament may be arranged.

For Your Diary

Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

Taizé in church Friday 27th February at 7pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

Bernard Charnell, Joe Clinton, Susan Anne Eaves, William (Liam) Moore, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Collins, Jack Reed, Michael Christopher Wyse, Mary Jones, Mary Thacker, Glynn Ford, Ronald Russell, Nora Mary Nichols, Valerie Mary Chesterton, Bridget Patricia Carter

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February 2026.

(A day of fasting and no meat,
for those who are fit and able).

Mass and imposition of ashes 10am & 7pm.



World Day of Prayer

(Led by the women of all the local churches)

St Benedict's Church on Friday March 6th at 2pm.

Refreshments afterwards.

(provided by the women of St Benedict's Church)

All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed - Tea & Coffee Rota

Could you spare a little time to help serve tea & coffee after our services?

We are looking for friendly volunteers to join the rota. Even helping occasionally makes a big difference and is a lovely way to support our church community.

If you are willing to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church or speak to a member of the welcome team.

Thank you for your support –
every cup shared helps bring us together.



Collections

This week and next week's Collections will be presented together in next weeks Newsletter