

# BENEFICE BULLETIN

*Church News for  
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass*

**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**TRINITY 16**

## **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

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Please pray for those who have been shielding throughout the pandemic and are anxious about the return of restrictions. Remember those who have children school and those who have to work with the vulnerable. For all who deliver public services in the retail and care sectors.

## **RIP**

Roger Whitwam, Sheila Terry, Leslie Harrison, Betty Blair, Ron Jackson, Helen Farley, Laura Holgate, Ellen Ingleson, Babs Brown and Stuart Kane,  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## **COLLECT AND READINGS FOR TRINITY 16**

### **Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

### **First Reading - Ezekiel 18.1–4,25–32**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have

committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

### **Second Reading – Philippians 2.1–13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **Gospel - Matthew 21.23–32**

Then he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am

doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **SUNDAY'S HYMN**

***We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name, we sing His glory, tell His worth.***

***Tell of His birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.***

***Tell of His death at Calvary, hated by those He came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross, for all He loved His life He gave.***

***Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell that we might share His victory.***

***Tell of His reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified,  
He sends His Spirit on His Church, to live for Him, the Lamb who died.***

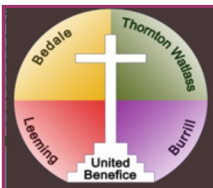
***Now we rejoice to name Him King, Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
This gospel message we proclaim, we sing His glory, tell His worth.***

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

## **Service Times and Venues.**

	<b>9.15am—Communion Facebook and Conference Call</b>	<b>10.45—Communion Conference Call</b>	<b>18.30—Evensong Conference Call</b>
27 September	St Gregory's Bedale	Burrill Harvest	St Mary's Thornton Watlass
4 October	St Gregory's Bedale	St John's Leeming	St Mary's Thornton Watlass



## **Thornton Watlass Harvest Service 2020**

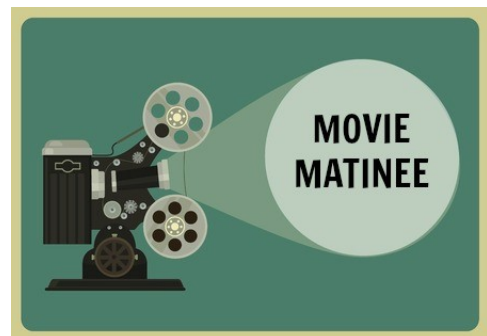
**Sunday 4th October at 18.30pm**



**Wed 30th September**

**2pm - Chantry Hall**

Please bring your  
own refreshments



***These are our current shortages:***

UHT Milk, Tinned Spaghetti, Hot Dogs, Jam,  
Tinned Mixed Veg, Sponge puddings,  
Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo,  
Bags for life/strong carriers



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