



# BENEFICE BULLETIN

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

**SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021**

**THE EPIPHANY**

## **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

Sid Blanchard, Anthony Ellis, Lesley Hall, David & Delma Bode, Tony, John Hall, Margaret Hartley, Joyce Harber, Bel Newman, Yvonne Van Der Rey, Lynne Riddlestone, Bailey Cuthbert, Barbara Jaques and Kath Marshall

We remember the residents and workers in care homes throughout the Benefice.  
For those individuals we know and those residing or working at:

Leeming Garth, The Millings, Greenwell House,  
Leeming Bar Grange, Bedale Grange, Oaklands and Benhill Lodge

## **RIP**

Paddy Shepherson, Carole Dodd, Lawrence Graham, Diana Close & Chris Hartley

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## **COLLECT AND READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY**

### **Collect**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 - Isaiah 60.1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## **Second Reading – Ephesians 3.1–12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Gospel - Matthew 2.1–14**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey’s end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **SUNDAY'S HYMNS**

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their brilliance, and some bring strength and health;  
We too, would bring our treasures To offer to the King;  
We have no gifts deserving: What shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him; We'll bring Him thankful praise,  
And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways:  
And these shall be our treasures we offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even the youngest child may bring.

We'll come and show the Saviour the things we do each day;  
We'll try our best to please Him at home, at school or play:  
And better are these treasures to offer to our King,  
Than richest gifts without them: yet these a child may bring.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

    Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
    low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
    angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
    Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

    Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
    vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
    richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
    dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

    Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
    high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
    comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
    guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

    These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
    he will accept for the name that is dear;  
    mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
    trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

## Weekly Envelope Giving - St Gregory's

Many thanks to all those who have given the remainder of their envelopes for this year. All your gifts are gratefully received. Your new envelopes for 2021 are available for collection at the back of church.

In the coming year while Covid restrictions are in place and until we are able to hold our services without restrictions, it would be a great help to our cash flow if you could bring your envelopes to church on at least a monthly basis putting them in the donations box.

Thank you for your help.

Linda Collingwood - Gift Aid Secretary

### Service Times and Venues.

	<i>9.15am—Communion Facebook and Conference Call</i>	<i>10.45—Communion Conference Call</i>	<i>16.00—Evensong Conference Call</i>
3 Jan	St Gregory's Bedale	St John's Leeming	St Mary's Thornton Watlass
10 Jan	St Gregory's Bedale	St Mary's Thornton Watlass	St Gregory's Bedale



**These are our current needs:**  
Corned beef, tinned meat, Coffee,  
500g sugar, Tinned fruit, Tinned pies,  
Sponge puddings, Orange squash,  
Cereal bars, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fish or tomatoes, UHT milk  
Deodorant, shampoo, shower gel & toilet roll.



Thank you for all you do.

## St Gregory's is Open for Donations