



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021 3RD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

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

RIP

Paddy Shepherson, Lawrence Furrie, Dorothy Cranmer, John Pritchard,
 Hilda Hankinson, Vi Milner and Tony Crease
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Remember in your prayers our schools, the staff, pupils and head teachers.:
 Leeming and Londonderry - Nikki Rayner , Aiskew and Leeming Bar - Bethany
 Stanley, Thornton Watlass - Jane Wood, Bedale Primary School - Liz Turnbull,
 Bedale High School - Tom Kelly and Mowbray School - Jonathan Tearle

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

Service Times and Venues.

	9.15am—Communion <i>Facebook and Conference Call</i>	10.45—Communion <i>Conference Call</i>	16.00—Evensong <i>Conference Call</i>
24 Jan	St Gregory's Bedale	Burrill Church	St Mary's Thornton Watlass
31 Jan	St Gregory's Bedale	St Mary's Thornton Watlass	St Gregory's Bedale

COLLECT AND READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 - Genesis 14.17–20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading – Revelation 19.6–10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel - John 2:1–11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after

the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS

**When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.**

**Unnumbered comforts to my soul thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.**

**When in the slippery paths of youth with heedless steps I ran,
thine arm unseen conveyed me safe, and led me up to man.**

**Through every period of my life thy goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.**

**Through all eternity to thee a joyful song I'll raise;
for, oh, eternity's too short to utter all thy praise!**

**Love is His word, Love is His way, feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again Love only love is His way.**

***Chorus Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.***

**Love is his mark, love is His sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood love, only love is His sign.**

**Love is His news, Love is His name, we are His own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin. Love, only love is His name.**

**Love is His law, Love is His word, love of the Lord, Father, and Word,
Love of the Spirit, God ever one, love, only love, is His word.**

**At Cana's wedding, long ago, they knew his presence by this sign,
a virtue none but Christ could show, to turn their water into wine:
and still on us his blessing be as in the days of Galilee.**

**What if the way be far to go and life at times a weary load?
Yet may our hearts within us glow as theirs on that Emmaus road:
the risen Christ become our guest, with him to walk, in him to rest.**

**O Lord of all our life below, O risen Lord of realms above,
eternal joy be ours to know, united in the bond of love:
one in the faith, with one accord, one with each other and the Lord.**

Access to Services and Resources During Lent

Over the Lenten season in the Benefice we will have different resources available. It is hoped that events will take place at the times as they appear in the bulletin and on posters around the churches. Please keep watch for alterations to each event as the Covid 19 rules may prevent gatherings in churches if the lock-down is not lifted.

Certain events can be listened to by joining on a Conference Call:

Dial the Number: **03330 110 945**
When asked for a 'Room Number': **66307496 then #**
When asked for a Guest Pin: **9498 then #**
Then press any number to connect.



This means that any Sunday or Lenten service can be shared.



If you have the technology, a computer, tablet or smart phone, searching for the Facebook Benefice of Bedale will give you access to any of the services as advertised. This is even easier if you have a Facebook account.

Watch out on the web and bulletin for any Zoom events too!



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
And toilet roll.

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