



# BENEFICE BULLETIN

*Church News for*

*Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass*

**SUNDAY 31TH JANUARY 2021**

**CANDLEMASS**

## **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

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Margaret Hartley, Joyce Harber, Bel Newman, Yvonne Van Der Rey,  
Richard Fraser, Lynne Riddlestone, Barbara Jaques  
Keith Johnson and Kath Marshall

**RIP**

John Pritchard, and Vi Milner

## **COLLECT AND READINGS FOR CANDLEMAS**

### **Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading - Malachi 3.1-5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Second Reading – Hebrews 2.14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels,

but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Gospel - Luke 2.22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## SUNDAY'S HYMNS

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **REFRAIN**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them my hand will save  
I will break their hearts of stone give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Now, Lord! according to thy word, let me in peace depart;  
mine eyes have thy salvation seen, and gladness fills my heart.

That Sun I now behold, whose light shall heathen darkness chase,  
and rays of brightest glory pour around thy chosen race.

This great salvation, long prepared, and now disclosed to view,  
hath proved thy love was constant still, and promises were true.

*(Tune Amazing Grace 27)*

## 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

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And toilet roll.

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