

BENEFICE BULLETIN

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

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021

LENT 3

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

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

RIP

Gillian Hall, Elsie Marshal, Elsie Donald, & Lee Harker

Give thanks for life returning to some form of normality soon.
We pray with thanks for those who have worked throughout the lockdown.
We remember those who remain anxious about life and the future,
may God bring peace and reassurance.

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

COLLECT AND READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other
than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

First Reading - Exodus 20.1-17

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you

shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel - John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
and Jesus call to heaven's perfect peace.

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.

Service Times and Venues.

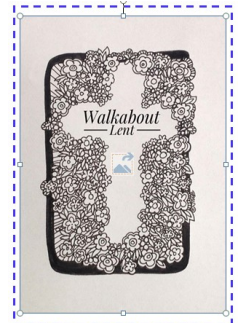
| | <i>9.15am—Communion Facebook and Conference Call</i> | <i>10.45—Communion Conference Call</i> | <i>16.00—Evensong Conference Call</i> |
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| 7 Mar | St Gregory's Bedale | St John's Leeming | St Mary's Thornton Watlass |
| 14 Mar | St Gregory's Bedale | St Mary's Thornton Watlass | St Gregory's Bedale |



Bedale Benefice **LENT 2021**

The details of the Lent Programme can be found our Web Site.

Walkabout Lent has been set out in the church yards and churches of Bedale, Leeming and Thornton Watlass. Take a booklet from any of the churches or use the 'Q' codes to access a walkabout meditation suitable for all ages.



STUDY

Each Tuesday until Holy Week, we will a gather on Zoom at 7pm. The link is available digitally on our website

Meeting ID: 832 9480 0784 Passcode: 130526



During each session we will look at the readings for the following Sunday and talk around how each set of scriptures speak to us. The appropriate readings and collects are available from our web site, click on the 'Lent/Readings' tab.

REMOTE, YET SHARED LENT LUNCHES!



Join in a weekly Lent Lunch, each Wednesday, prepare a simple lunch & join in at 12.30 pm Share lunch & chat together as we journey through Lent.

Join Zoom Meeting—Detailed link on our web site.

Meeting ID: 867 9875 0476 Passcode: 118307



Please consider donating the following items

- Sponge puddings, UHT Milk, Cereal Bars
- Angel delight & Jellies, Tinned Mixed Veg,
- Small jars of coffee, Deodorant, Toilet Roll , Shampoo.



Thank you All Donations are Gratefully Received.

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if you need a food parcel

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If you live in or near Bedale ring 07930 988360

At the moment we don't need Pasta, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, soup or beans thank you. Please also check all items are in date before donating them –
Thanks very much

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