



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sid Blanchard, Lesley Hall, David & Delma Bode, John Hall, Margaret Hartley, Bel Newman, Yvonne Van Der Rey, Margery Craddock. Kath Marshall, Lucy, Simon, Lynne Riddlestone, Barbara Jaques and Joan Lyon.

RIP

*Bob Hardy, Richard and Robbie Wills, and Roger Truelove
May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Please pray for those who have been shielding throughout the pandemic and are anxious about the lifting of restrictions. Remember those who have children in school and those who work with the vulnerable. Pray for all who deliver public services in the retail and care sectors. Give thanks for the delivery of the vaccine and those who have worked in its development.

COLLECT AND READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading – 1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God’, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel - John 15.1–8

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart

from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

SUNDAY'S HYMNS

**O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;
and, thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.**

**Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.**

**We come, obedient to thy word, to feast on heav'nly food;
our meat the body of the Lord, our drink his precious blood.**

**Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.**

Moderate ♩ = 80

Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Est

U - bi ca - ri - tas et - a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi - est.

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

**This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness, making you free,
take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

**This is my blood poured out for you, bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

**Back to my Father soon shall I go. Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know you're very close to me.**

**Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow! You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know you are alive in me.**

**Love one another – I have loved you, and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

The Rector's Ramble

14, 15, 17, 18 & 19 May



- Day 1 Horsehouse to Bedale via Middleham, East Witton, Thornton Steward, Thornton Watlass, Burrill and Crakehall 21 Miles - 7 hours.
- Day 2 Bedale to Pickhill via Scruton, Leeming, Burneston, Kirklington, & Wath 21 Miles - 7 hours.
- Day 3 Pickhill to Hornby via Maunby, Kirby Wiske, Ainderby Steeple, Yaffoth, Great Langton and Kirkby Fleetham 23 miles - 7 hours thirty minutes.
- Day 4 Hornby to West Witton via Patrick Brompton, Fingall, Hauxwell, Bellerby, Layburn, Spennithorne, Wensley and West Witton 21 miles 7 hours
- Day 5 West Witton to Hawes via Preston under Scar, Redmire, Castle Bolton, Ayesgarth, Thornton Rust, Askrigg, and Hardraw 21 miles—7 hours.

Donations can be made on sponsor sheets available in church via the web site or directly online—<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RectorsRamble>



Current Stock Shortages are for:

Bags for Life UHT Milk, Pasta Sauce, Tinned/Instant Potato, Small Jars of Coffee, Squash, Fabric Softener, Washing Powder



Confirmation

As the lock down lifts it is hoped to begin confirmation classes. If you are interested please let your intentions be known to the church wardens or Rector. There will also be room on the sessions for those wishing to refresh their faith and contribute to the journey of those seeking confirmation by the Bishop.

Service Times and Venues.

	9.15am—Communion Facebook and Conference Call	10.45—Communion Conference Call	18.30—Evensong Conference Call
2 May	St Gregory's Bedale	St John's Leeming	St Mary's Thornton Watlass
9 May	St Gregory's Bedale	St Mary's Thornton Watlass	St Gregory's Bedale