



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

Sunday 7th November 2021

3rd Sunday Before Advent

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Marge Craddock, Kath Marshall, Lucy, Geordie, Sid Blanchard, Lesley Hall, David & Delma Bode, Brian Harland, Fr Simon Gurd, John Hall, Lynne Riddlestone, Olive Robinson, & Barbara Jaques.

RIP

Mary Kendal, Norma Humphries, Anne Smith, Tony Middleton, Shirley Ogden, Bronislaw Grey, Ian Gauld, Christine Moores, Alwyn Davison, Doreen Jepson and Barbara Nightingale
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Please pray for those individuals preparing for their confirmation service:
St Mary's, Thornton Watlass, Wednesday 17th November, 6.30pm.
Ollie, Max, Abi, Jamie, Pheobe, India, Ben, Aston and Pam



Next Sunday Afternoon 5pm

Praise & Prayer –
Remembrance

Live or later on the Facebook Page or YouTube



Service Times and Venues.

	9.15am—Communion * Facebook and Conference Call	*—Holy Communion Conference Call	16.00—Evensong Conference Call
7 Nov	8am and *915am St Gregory's Bedale	10.45 am Thornton Watlass *11.00am Leeming	St Gregory's Bedale

Services on Remembrance Sunday

- 9.15am Said Holy Communion at St Gregory's Bedale.
- 10.20am Parade from the Riverside Club, Cenotaph Act of Remembrance and Service in St Gregory's Bedale.
- 10.45am Act of Remembrance at St Johns Leeming and St Mary's Thornton Watlass.
- 4.00pm Evensong at Burrill Church



COLLECT AND READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Jonah 3.1–5,10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Second Reading - Hebrews 9.24–28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel - Mark 1.14–20

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

COMMENTARY ON THE READING

New Testament - Hebrews 9.24-28

This passage affirms the efficacy of Christ's sacrifice for all people and for all time. The offering of Jesus of himself to God in heaven is contrasted with the animal sacrifices offered here on earth in sanctuaries made by human hands. Whereas priests have to repeat their offering year after year, what Jesus has done will never need to be repeated. Yes, Jesus will come again, but not because the sin of the world will need to be dealt with for a second time. Jesus will appear again only to save those who have waited for him. In a very real way therefore, this passage echoes the message contained in the psalm. Human efforts to deal with sin are insufficient. Putting our trust in human solutions to our sinful nature will not bring either peace or contentment. To be truly happy and saved we need to put our trust in God, for Christ alone has the power to atone once, for all. We must depend on God for our salvation.

Gospel - Mark 1.14-20

This passage divides neatly into two sections. 1.14-15 is a kind of summary of Jesus' message. Two assertions are made: 'the time is fulfilled; the kingdom is near' and two responses are invited 'repent and believe the good news'. This stark association of declaration and response will be fully illustrated in what follows in Mark.

The first illustration comes in 1.16-20. The general message of the previous verses must now be rooted in the lives and experiences of real people. God's reign is not a theoretical idea, or an abstract theological concept – it is about real people, who recognise that when Jesus arrives, they must change and follow. Mark's story of the call of these disciples is also the story of the call of all disciples (note how the calling of each pair has an identical structure in 1.16-18 and 1.17-20).

Mark's account of the call of the disciples tells how Jesus' arrival interrupts ordinary, everyday life. Jesus appears, almost out of nowhere, and his command 'Follow me' disrupts both daily work and family life. Routine, security and familiarity are put to one side and a new life beckons for Simon and Andrew, James and John.

Their response is immediate (1.18,20). We are not told what they saw in Jesus that made them leave their nets behind. However, new disciples are not always able to articulate their reasons. Instead we see that for them and for us, discipleship is per-

sonal; it is about people. It is a personal response: other members of the families chose to stay behind (compare 3.31-35). It is a commitment to a person: they follow Jesus, not a religion but a person (compare 3.14 – 'to be with him'). It is a calling to share with people: they are to work with people instead of fish from now on.

Thus these ordinary folk are called to the crunch point of decision: do we stay, or do we go? Do we play it safe or do we take the risk? One thing is certain: these new disciples had no idea at this stage what they were letting themselves in for, had no clue as to what lay ahead for them. And yet they still let the nets fall from their hands and stepped out into the unknown with Jesus leading the way.

Guided Reflective Mornings

Sat 13 Nov - 9.30-11.30am – St. Mary's Thornton Watlass

Sat 11 Dec - 9.30-11.30am – St. John's Leeming



Please consider donating the following items

Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned ham, Tinned Pie

Small bags of sugar, Sponge puddings

Cleaning spray, cleaning cloths, Nappies big sizes:
5+, 6, 6+ etc

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Please also check all items are in date before donating them – Thank you!

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Coffee Morning St John's Church Leeming

Thursday 18 Nov. 10:00 - 11:30



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in Bedale, Earsall, Leeming and Thornton Watlass*



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