



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Marge Craddock, Lucy, Lesley Hall, John Hall, Jenny
Delma Bode, Fr Simon Gurd, Lynne Riddlestone, Olive Robinson & Barbara Jaques.

RIP

John Gill, Allan Blanchard, Scott Thompson, Pam Stead and Keith Anderson
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

PASSING BELL.

The passing bell was rung on Thursday 7th. April in memory of Allan Blanchard,
aged 80.

COLLECT AND READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

First Reading - Acts 10 v 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel - John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Common Cup and Wine at Communion

From Easter Sunday onwards, throughout the Benefice of Bedale, the chalice will be offered each time Holy Communion is celebrated. We will revert to using the altar rails during the services. However, if you are uncomfortable with sharing the common cup, please feel free to simply return to your seat after receiving the bread at communion. As throughout the pandemic restrictions, how you respond to this change is left for your own circumstances and decision.



COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS

Like all four of the gospels, what strikes you most about John's presentation of the gospel's grand event and miracle is how understated the whole thing is. Most churches on Easter morning do far, far more to pull out all the stops, blare the brass band, and ratchet up the drama to fever pitch than any of the four evangelists ever tried to do. There is joy and holy drama here, make no mistake. But there is something marvellous about its understated nature. As someone once noted, when you present a triumphal event in non-triumphal fashion, you create a sense of irony that, in turn, creates a community of those who truly understand the deeper meaning of it all.

The fact is that like Jesus's entire ministry, so even the capstone event of the whole gospel happened quietly and out of this world's limelight. The gospel gets revealed to women, to clueless former fishermen, to all those whom the wider world regards as simpletons and the marginalized. There is something glorious to behold in the fact that King Herod and Pontius Pilate, though they had been deeply involved in the machinations of all that led to Jesus' death, now simply disappear out of the frame once Jesus is raised.

Jesus came, died, and rose again not for this world's winners who are always so sure of themselves that they have everything under control but rather for all those lost, least, last, and lonely folks who know that without an infusion of divine grace into their lives, there is flat out no hope.

Thanks be to God the gospel gives us just what we need: not brass choirs and fireworks in the sky but new life way down in the deepest parts of our hearts.

Notices

Service Times and Venues

Thursdays 10:30am BCP communion at St Gregory's

	<i>Morning Services - St Gregory's, Bedale</i>	<i>Morning Services - St Mary's, St John's and Burrill</i>	<i>18.30—Evensong conference call</i>
17th April	8am St Gregory's #	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass	St Gregory's, Bedale *
	9.15am St Gregory's #*F	11am St John's, Leeming #*	
24th April	9:15am St Gregory's #*F	9 am Burrill Church #	St John's, Leeming *
		10:45 St Mary's Thornton	
1st May	8am St Gregory's #	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass	St Gregory's, Bedale *
	9.15am St Gregory's #*F	11am St John's, Leeming #*	

Communion * conference call F Facebook

Tuesday Togetherness

Please note there will be no café or film on Tuesday 19th April . Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.



Current shortages

- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder
- Tinned meatballs
- Tinned meals
- Tinned veg
- Sponge puddings
- UHT milk
- Coffee



All donations are gratefully received if you need a food parcel email:

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DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER LILIES

Thank you to everyone who has given donations for the Easter lilies. I very much appreciate it. Thank you to Pam Nicholson who has arranged them.

Easter wishes to you. Christine Isbister

