

BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

16th October 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Marge Craddock, Lesley Hall, Delma Bode, John Hall, Jenny, Chris, Elise, Lynne Riddlestone, Olive Robinson, Barbara Jaques, Harry Scorer and David Disney.

RIP

Hugh Burch, Margaret Exelby, David Walker, Marcus Littler
Malcolm Stokoe, Roy Hyde, Donald Lawson, Malcolm Gill, & Sandra Lowe
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

The Passing Bell was rung on Sunday 9th October in memory of Sandra Lowe, aged 79.



THE RECTOR WRITES:

This is an invitation to come and support those members of our community who are to be confirmed next Sunday - 23 October, 6pm at St John's church, Leeming.

Bishop Helen-Ann will welcome 8 candidates in total, three from St Mary's, Thornton Watlass, two from St Gregory's, Bedale and three from St John's, Leeming. It would be good to have a full church and raise a joyful noise.

Please pray for Ian, Gary, Eain, Sam, Emily, Claire, Emily and Deborah as they make this significant step in their own faith journeys.

Simon

COLLECT AND READINGS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - Jeremiah 31.27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I

will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Reading - Luke 17. 18.1–8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." 'And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS

The Epistle 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

Paul reminded Timothy (3.14-17) that scripture, which in this context means the Jewish scriptures, is formative for Christian life and teaching. This was validated by Timothy's own experience. The purpose of Scripture is trust in God and salvation – no one is saved by their own wisdom. How all Scripture has been inspired by God (v. 16) is a question to which Christians have given many answers. However, it is what Scripture is for that interests Paul. The list of usefulness – teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness – is so that Christians 'may be proficient, equipped for every good work'. In the spirit of this epistle, Paul might well tell readers to stop trading theories and get on with using scripture. Timothy had to persevere in the ministry in good times and bad (4.1-5); he was answerable only to God. Paul warned him that people would have 'itching ears' (v. 3); the desire for novelty and entertainment could easily subvert the gospel.

The Gospel Luke 18.1- 8

The reading is the first of two consecutive parables on prayer; the second is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Both are about God's vindication of those who are on the margins of society and who do not think highly of themselves. We can deduce that those for whom Luke was writing had been taught to pray 'your kingdom come' but were losing confidence as a result of persecution and hardship. A widow was helpless, someone who was easily victimised by powerful, she would have been too poor to bribe the judge, nor would she have had influential friends, all she had was persistence. If such a judge could yield to her persistence, how much more would God respond to persistent prayer. Finding faith on earth (v. 8) was a challenge to continue praying to the end.

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>
16th Oct	9:15am St Gregory's #*F	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #	St Mary's, Thornton Watlass *
		11am St John's, Leeming - Harvest	
23rd Oct	9:15am St Gregory's #*F	9 am Burrill Church #	St John's, Leeming *
		10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #*	
30th Oct	10:30am - Joint Benefice Service - St John's Leeming		4:30pm All Souls Service - Bedale

Communion * conference call F Facebook



***This week's floodlighting is in memory of
Keith, Joan and Janet Thompson***

To sponsor the floodlighting in memory of someone then please get in touch with Sarah in the office on 07949 006681 or admin@bedale.church



Prayer and Praise

This Sunday, 16th October
At 5pm online



St John's Church Leeming Coffee Morning

In St John's Church on Thursday 20th October
from 10:00am –12:00pm

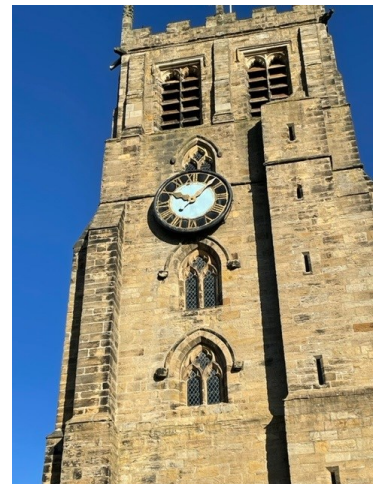


Tuesday Togetherness - Tuesday 18th October

There will be tea/coffee only from 9:30-10:30am

St Gregory's Clock Festival

Next year St Gregory's Church Clock turns 150 years old. We are going to have a 3 day festival over the August Bank Holiday, for which we need volunteers. Can you spare some time to help with a craft fair, a flower festival, showing people around the church? Please speak to the church wardens if you are able to help, no matter how much or little time you can offer, many hands make light work. We will be meeting to start planning the events on **Tuesday 25th October at 1pm in the Old Grammar School, please come and join us.**



Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee at St Gregory's

We would love to restart tea and coffee after the service in Chantry Hall. To do this we need volunteers, the more people volunteer the less often you will have to be on the rota. Please speak to one of the wardens if you can offer occasional help.