



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for

Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Gaynor, Bel Newman, Mark Newman, Lesley Hall, Delma Bode, John Hall, Donna Bradley, George, Olive Robinson, Harry Scorer, Terry Gregory, Jack, Kath Finkill, Amanda, David, Chris, Liz, Tracey, Sue, Pam Kenyon, Arthur Lightfoot, Alison, Robin, Kath Moore, Tim, Dan, and John Pickard.

RIP

Stuart Smyth, Alfie Hutchinson, Margaret Fox, and Amanda Hutchinson.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Praying for Edwin in Bolivia

Lord God, we praise you that you are fully in control of all things. We pray you would protect Edwin, his family and those at the project. Keep them healthy and help them to thrive. We thank you that you know every hair on Edwin's head. You know exactly when he rises and when he falls. Watch over Edwin in every area of his life and keep him safe we pray, Amen.

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

First Reading - Jeremiah 31.31–34

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 - Hebrews 5.5–10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading - John 12.20–33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.



As Lent draws to a close there are services and observances throughout Holy Week and on to Easter Sunday. The Benefice offers different venues and different forms of worship and witness,

Palm Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion at Burrill

9.15am Holy Communion at St Gregory's Bedale

10.45am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Thornton Watlass

4.00pm Evensong at St John's, Leeming

Monday 25th March —Meditation at Burrill—7pm

Tuesday 26th March—Service at St John's, Leeming 7pm

Wednesday 27th March—Service of Meditation

at the Methodist Church, Bedale 7pm

Maundy Thursday— Service of the Last Supper—

St Mary's, Thornton Watlass 7pm

Good Friday—Walk of Witness (Park Bandstand) 10.30am

Last Hour— at St Gregory's Bedale 2pm

Easter Sunday 8am Holy Communion at St Gregory's Bedale

9.00am Holy Communion at Burrill

9.15am Holy Communion at St Gregory's Bedale

10.45am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Thornton Watlass

11.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Leeming

4.00pm Evensong at St Gregory's Bedale

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>16:00 —Evensong conference call</i>
17th Mar	9:15am St Gregory's #F	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass # 11am St John's, Leeming #	St Mary's Thornton Watlass
24th Mar	9:15am St Gregory's #F	9 am Burrill Church # 10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #	
31st Mar—Easter Day	9:15am St Gregory's #F	9:00 Burrill	St Gregory's, Bedale
		10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #	
		11am St John's, Leeming #	

Communion F Facebook

This week's floodlighting is in memory of Lottie Sedgewick



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



Everyone is invited to the final Thornton Watlass Lent Lunch to be held in Thornton Watlass Village Hall on Saturday 23rd March from 12 noon—1:30pm. Soup and sweets will be served.

Coffee Morning St John's Church Leeming

Thursday 21st March - 10:00 - 12:00



Prayer and Praise LIVE!

**This Friday March 23rd
Chantry Hall, Bedale @ 7pm
Everyone welcome!**

Walking the Way of the Cross