



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for

Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

Service Times and Venues

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer conference calls at 8:30am and 4:00pm

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>
31 st May	10:30 Benefice Service – St John's, Leeming #		No evensong
7 th June	8:00am St Gregory's #F	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #	St Gregory's, Bedale
	9:15am St Gregory's #F	11am St John's, Leeming #	
14 th June	9:15am St Gregory's #F	10:45 St Mary's Thornton Watlass #	Burrill

Communion F Facebook

Conference Call Tel 03330110945 and enter when prompted Room No.66307496# PIN 9498

NOTICES

Burrill Church Open Day

Saturday 13th June from 10.00 am to 1.00pm

Join us for a cake stall, plant stall, Bric-a-Brac stall, teas & coffees

Everyone is welcome.

Confirmation Group

The confirmation group will be starting soon. For those who would like to be confirmed, or those who would like to walk alongside them please give your names to Rev'd Simon this week.

Rector's Ramble

Simon and friends will be starting the annual Rector's Ramble next weekend. Please sponsor them either using the sheet at the back of each church or by popping into the office on Tuesday or Thursday.

Tuesday Togetherness

2nd and 16th June – coffee and biscuits only
9th June, 23rd, and 30th June - Coffee, cake, and lunches.

Temporary Accommodation Needed

I am Mark, an Independent Student at Mirfield (my home Diocese is Salisbury); I have begun a later life journey in search of vocation in faith - a parallel discernment and educational pilgrimage. I begin Summer Placement at the Bedale Benefice this June 2026, and am in need of accommodation between 12th June and 11th July. Would anyone be able to offer me accommodation for a week at a time? I look forward to meeting you all over the coming summer

God Bless. Mark



PRAYERS

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Mark Newman, Olive Robinson, Justin, Alison, Dan, John, Doris Pearson, Mal Rowland, Bailey Cuthbert, Claire Bell, Christina, Elizabeth, Jean, and Christine.
We continue to pray for our local schools and care homes.

READINGS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 - Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge,

and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.



Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13.11–end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



Gospel Reading - Matthew 28.16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Corinthians 13.11-13

The three-fold blessing of verse 13 concludes Paul's final exhortations to the Corinthians. As they seek to live in peace, they have the promise that the triune God will be with them: grace, love and communion are offered. 2 Corinthians 13.13 has rightly become a standard blessing with which to conclude worship. As God's people are sent into the world, to share in God's mission, they know that God, Father, Son and Spirit, goes with them.

Matthew 28.16-20

This week is the first of seven weeks following Pentecost in which Matthew's Gospel provides the lead passage. We begin at the end, and there is no better place to start because this passage is aptly described as a summary of the Gospel as a whole. The motifs of the mountain, doubt and worship, authority, discipleship and the ongoing presence of God in Jesus Christ – these are all central to Matthew's narrative and message.

The Trinitarian structure of verse 19 has often puzzled people. It is as if Jesus is speaking the language of the Church, before the Church has actually come into being. However, the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit is actually integral to the whole passage. In worshipping Jesus (v. 17), the disciples seem to recognise his divine identity (although the accompanying doubt suggests that his divinity was not immediately visible). Jesus' identity as God's Son is now fully established as he receives 'all authority in heaven and earth' (v. 18); God is the subject of the verb 'has given'. The scene is one of enthronement, deliberately reminiscent of that found in Daniel 7.13-14 and probably cast in terms that set Jesus' claim over against that of the Roman emperor. The phrase 'everything I have commanded you' (v. 20) now refers to Jesus' teaching (not least as Matthew portrays it in his Gospel) and deliberately gives Jesus the same role as God, giving commandments to his people in the law, and Moses, through whom those commandments were given. (See for example, Exodus 7.2; Deuteronomy 1.3, 30.8.) Finally, the promise that Jesus will be with his disciples at all times, picking up the Emmanuel theme from the beginning of the Gospel (Matthew 1.21-23) and Jesus' earlier promise to his disciples (18.20), contains implicit reference to the work of the Holy Spirit.