

BEDALE AND BEYOND

*Linking Church and Community in
Bedale, Burrill, Leeming & Thornton Watlass*



*Trinity
June and July 2026*

BENEFICE DIARY

JUNE

4th Thursday	10:30	Bedale Holy Communion BCP
7th Trinity 1	8.00	Bedale Holy Communion BCP
	9:15	Bedale Parish Communion
	10:45	Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
	11:00	Leeming Parish Communion
	18.30	Bedale Evensong
8th Monday	18.30	Bedale PCC
9 th Tuesday	19.00	Deanery Synod at Askrigg
11th Thursday	10:30	Bedale Holy Communion BCP
11th Saturday		Coffee Morning—Burrill Church
14th Trinity 2	9:15	Bedale Parish Communion
	10:45	Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
	18.30	Burrill Evensong
18th Thursday	10:30	Bedale Holy Communion BCP
21st Trinity 3	9:15	Bedale Parish Communion
	10:45	Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
	11:00	Leeming Parish Communion
	18.30	Thornton Watlass Evensong
23rd Tuesday	7pm	Churches Together AGM - Bedale Methodist
25th Thursday	10:30	Bedale Holy Communion BCP
26th Friday	19.00	Prayer and Praise
28th Trinity 4	10.30	Benefice Service at St Gregory's Bedale Rev'd Lee Finnegan's First Celebration of Holy Communion then a shared lunch.
30th Thursday	10:30	Bedale Holy Communion BCP

JULY

- 2nd Thursday 10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
- 5th Trinity 5** 8:00 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
9.00 Burrill Church Communion
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
11:00 Leeming Parish Communion
18.30 Bedale Evensong
- 9th Thursday 10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
10th Friday 19.00 Thornton Watlass Choral Group Concert
11th Saturday Morning Car boot Sale and Coffee Morning
- 10th Trinity 6** 9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
18.30 Burrill Evensong
- 16th Thursday 10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
- 19th Trinity 7** 9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
11:00 Leeming Parish Communion
18.30 Thornton Watlass Evensong
- 20th Monday 18.30 Benefice PCC
- 23rd Thursday 10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
24th Friday 19.00 Prayer and Praise
- 24th Trinity 8** 9.00 Burrill Church Communion
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
18.30 Leeming Evensong
- 30th Thursday 10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP

**Tuesday Togetherness meet for coffee, cake & lunch
each Tuesday in Chantry Hall—all welcome.**

June/July '26 Prayer Diary

Intercessions for the streets, roads and lanes within the Benefice and specific themes for daily prayer during the months covered by this magazine.



1	Hazel Court	Aiskew	Meadow Field	Aiskew
2	Heron Close	Aiskew	Meadow Grove	Bedale
3	High Lane	Burrill	Milburn Terrace	Leeming Bar
4	High Row	T/Watlass	Mill Lane	Leeming
5	Hird Avenue	Bedale	Millfield Close	Leeming
6	Hollins Lane	Bedale	Moor End Lane	Burrill
7	Holly Close	RAF Leeming	Mosquito Garth	Bedale
8	Holly Road	Aiskew	Mowbray Crescent	Bedale
9	Iddison Drive	Bedale	Mowbray Grange	Bedale
10	Ings View	Aiskew	Mowbray Terrace	Leeming Bar
11	Ivy Close	RAF Leeming	Nattrass Walk	Bedale
12	Javelin Way	Bedale	Newsteads	Aiskew
13	Jubilee Road	Aiskew	Newton Crescent	Leeming
14	Kendrew Close	Bedale	Nidderdale Close	Bedale
15	Kingfisher Drive	Aiskew	North End	Bedale
16	Laurel Close	RAF Leeming	Northallerton Road	Leeming Bar
17	Leases Road	Leeming Bar	Oak Close	RAF Leeming
18	Leeming Lane	Leeming Bar	Oak Tree Close	Bedale
19	Leyburn Road	Bedale	Oak Tree Drive	Bedale
20	Long Walk	Bedale	Oak Tree Road	Bedale
21	Lord's Lane	Bedale	Otterbeck Way	Aiskew
22	Love Lane	Aiskew	Parker Drive	Bedale
23	Low Ash Bank	Bedale	Pasture Drive	Bedale
24	Low Street	Leeming Bar	Peirse Close	Bedale
25	Lowlands Drive	Leeming Bar	Pinewood Grove	Bedale
26	Mapel Close	RAF Leeming	Plews Way	Leeming Bar
27	Maple Close	RAF Leeming	Poppy Court	Aiskew
28	Market Court	Bedale	Portland Way	Leeming Bar
29	Market Place	Bedale	Potlands	Leeming Bar
30	Masham Road	Bedale	Primrose Way	Aiskew
31	Mattison Close	Leeming Bar	Progress Row	Leeming Bar

1	That we will be a praying benefice and will be strengthened and united through prayer
2	For all who minister at and those who attend the Methodist and Catholic Churches within our Benefice
3	For the staff in the hospitals, all who help & the patients in their care
4	For all who provide administrative support to and for the Benefice
5	For local prayer and study groups and that these groups will grow in number
6	For all who suffer from mental health illnesses and those who care for them
7	For the retired Clergy, their ministry and support in the Benefice
8	For Emergency Services, including the Air Ambulance, the Coastguard and volunteers of the Pennine, Dales and Moors Rescue Services
9	For all who suffer from addiction in its many and varied forms
10	For Simon, Caroline and their family, and their ministry in this benefice.
11	For the bellringers, sides-persons, and welcomers
12	For all the Health Centres and those in private practice who provide individual health care and those who provide veterinary services
13	For the uniformed organisations in the churches
14	For all who provide refreshments after the services and on other occasions
15	That you will spend more time to develop your own spiritual growth and your relationship with God and Christ
16	For all who help in the many & varied ways within the local community
15	For the mission and ministry of our churches in their respective parishes
18	For the clergy, staff and volunteers at Ripon Cathedral
19	For all who help to provide the Meal on Wheels service
20	For all the Archdeacons in the Diocese
21	For those who come for Baptisms & those who are involved in this ministry
22	For all who use the Chantry Hall, whether associated with the church or for private functions and groups
23	For all involved in home visiting and who administer Home Communions
24	For new members to come into our church family and that they will be welcomed
25	For the musicians and choirs in the various churches
26	For all who visit our churches and those who leave prayer requests
27	For residents and staff in the Residential and Care home
28	For children and young persons both in the local schools and other activities
29	For the staff and children of the preschool groups in the Benefice
30	For Michelle and her work and ministry as Family Chaplain
31	For those whom you find it difficult to pray

The Rector Writes:



I had an interesting conversation after the service between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. This conversation was with reference to my own grandad who died fifty years ago this May, I thought upon how I still miss him and also what might have been had he lived into my adulthood. You see, we were very close in where we lived and in relationship. I spoke thus:

Within our lifetime, each of us can expect to be bereaved in some way. No one reaches old age without having passed through the shock, sadness and even the physical pain of grief. It is part of the human story that we will lose those who are special to us and will learn to rebuild life without them.

Although some cultures give guidelines as to the length of the mourning period, in reality, grief is inexact and cannot be contained by a given number of days. What happens as we grieve is that we learn to adjust to a new way of living without that person physically present. At times that process of readjustment is intense, sometimes it is very practical, sometimes it doesn't seem to affect our day-to-day existence much at all. Then, just as we think we have come to the end of grief, a word is spoken, a song comes on the radio, we smell a particular scent, and our memory jolts us back. It's then that we realise that we still have some adjusting to do. We never really get over losing the people we love – we simply get more efficient at making those internal adjustments as time goes on, reshaping our lives even as we are mindful of what they continue to mean to us.

Jesus leaves his disciples not once but twice. The first time is the crucifixion. Although he has forewarned them that the end is coming, they scatter in fear, unbelief and grief. After the resurrection, as we have recalled in the last weeks, Jesus spends time with his disciples again, teaching and encouraging them, only to leave them for a second time at the ascension. On this occasion, they are baffled, but not afraid or bereft.”

One of the failures of the church in Covid and that from the lowliest parish priest to the Archbishops and Bishops was a preaching of the understanding or theology of death. The proclamation that death is not an end but a change when we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus.

One of the simplest explanation can be given in the story of a boy who kept the caterpillar as a pet. He nurtured it, kept it warm and dry, away from predators and fed it the finest greens. One day the boy found the caterpillar hung from the branch in its tank, all dead and crusty. He cried and cried, and was wanting a ceremony to bury his pet, when his dad told him to wait. Although still upset he did as his father suggested. Then, some weeks later, a glorious butterfly emerged.

Perhaps this is the boon of faith. We may grieve painfully and although the loss diminishes over time, yet remains in our very being, faith tells us that this parting is not the end. Drop a coin in the ocean and it is lost, drop one in a swimming pool and it is retrievable. See loss at death as an end is bottomless pit (visions of a hell), see loss in the light of the resurrection of Jesus and there is hope of reconciliation.

My conversation after that sermon was based around how pain of bereavement is overcome. I said it is not overcome, it mellows in time, and with an understanding of the Christian Faith make something beyond makes us hopeful in our grief because it is helpful to our imagination. So yes, I still picture my grandad and think how he would see me now and how far I have come from those streets in a mining village in Derbyshire.

On Being a Congregation

The Hebrew word edah (עדה) means congregation or assembly. In Scripture, it refers to more than a crowd gathered in one place. An edah is a community bound together by shared testimony and shared purpose. The word is closely connected to the idea of witnessing. Israel was called an edah because they had collectively witnessed God's deliverance, provision, and covenant faithfulness.



(On Being a Congregation)

In Exodus 12:3, God tells Moses: “Speak to all the congregation of Israel ”The people were not united merely by geography or preference, but by a shared encounter with God. At the same time, Scripture is honest about the struggles of community. The congregation could worship together...but it could also rebel together. The same assembly that witnessed miracles sometimes lost sight of trust and faithfulness. That tension still exists today.

Edah reminds us that faith is personal, but never meant to be isolated. God forms a people (not just individuals) who worship, struggle, repent, and grow together. The New Testament continues this vision: “Do not neglect meeting together...” (Heb 10:25). “Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in their midst” (Mat 18:20). An edah is ultimately a witnessing community that together proclaims God's faithfulness. Every gathering, large or small, becomes an opportunity to reflect His presence and bear witness to His glory.

Rabbi Jason Sobel - Transformed by the Messiah

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, WEDDINGS & MEMORIALS

BAPTISMS Anyone who is wanting a child baptised please contact the parish office or via admin@bedale.church. Remember, that baptisms can happen any day of the week or evening as well as Saturday or Sunday.

CONFIRMATIONS Contact the parish office admin@bedale.church.

WEDDINGS Weddings are taking place throughout the benefice. The churches are usually available during the week and most weekends. Basic legal primaries need a month's notice although there are other means of marrying with less notice. Contact the Rector directly or via the office admin@bedale.church

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS Funerals are usually organised though an undertaker or by contacting the Rector directly. Memorial services can be organised through the parish office admin@bedale.church

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Words from a Church Warden

St Gregory's is our spiritual home and belongs to us all. However, your Churchwardens and our Sacristan Sue Inglis continue to bear the load of setting up before and clearing away after our services with some support from one or two members of the congregation for which we are very grateful. However, it really would be greatly appreciated if more people could help us because many hands make light work and we'd all like to enjoy fellowship over coffee, as well as the occasional Sunday off! Here is a list of the things that need to be done before and after services both in Church and in Chantry Hall:

- Putting out & returning the brass crosses and candlesticks to the vestry
- Removing and putting back the cover cloths on the altar/s
- Setting up and taking down the laptop and monitor for livestreaming
- Counting the collection
- Putting out and returning the sound cables to the vestry
- Taking down the hymn boards, returning to the choir vestry and storing the number cards
- Moving the lectern
- Tidying and replenishing the yellow Gift Aid envelopes and giving cards in the pews
- Emptying the bins in Church
- Putting out and clearing away chairs and tables for after-service coffee in Chantry Hall

We will be very happy to show you how these things are done and if lots of people did one thing it would take very little time. Church is usually set up from about 4.30pm on a Saturday. If you feel able and willing to help with any of these jobs please have a word with either of your churchwardens and thank you for whatever help you feel able to give.

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PARABLE?

During one lecture, a professor suddenly picked up a glass of water and held it up. He stood there quietly, just holding it, as the students began to glance at each other, waiting for an explanation. Ten minutes passed, and he still didn't lower his arm. Finally, he asked: "Tell me, how much do you think this glass weighs?"

The students started guessing:

"Maybe a couple of grammes !" "Four grammes!" "Five!"

The professor smiled. "Honestly, I don't know either. To find out, we'd have to weigh it. But that's not the real question. What happens if I hold this glass for a few minutes?"

"Nothing," the students replied.

"Right. Now, what if I hold it for an hour?"

"Your arm will start to hurt," one answered.

"Correct. And what if I try to hold it all day?"

"Your arm would go numb, you'd be in serious pain, maybe even need medical help," another said as the class laughed.

The professor nodded calmly. "Exactly. But tell me—did the weight of the glass ever change?"

"No," came the reply.

"So why the pain in the arm? Why the tension in the muscles?"

The room fell silent. He asked: "What should I do to get rid of the pain?"

"Put the glass down," someone said.

"Exactly!" the professor exclaimed. "Life's problems work the same way. If you carry them in your head for a few minutes, it's no big deal. Think about them for too long, and they start to hurt. Dwell on them all day, and they paralyze you—you won't be able to do anything else."

He paused, then finished with this: "That's why it's so important to put your problems down at the end of each day. Don't go to bed carrying the weight of them. Rest, recharge, and you'll wake up ready to face tomorrow with strength and clarity."



Minutes of a Confused & Determined PCC

After prayerful consideration, extended discussion, and several cups of tea (with biscuits), the Parochial Church Council of St Faithful 's, Havnot is pleased to affirm the following matters upon which we are now entirely certainish!

1. God is love.

What this means in practice remains under active review.

2. God is not limited by our understanding of God.

Or by anyone else's, however confidently expressed.

3. The Bible is inspired. Which we take to mean that it continues to inspire faith, argument, scholarship, prayer, disagreement, and the occasional raised eyebrow.

4. Jesus is the Son of God. Precisely how this works is a mystery we have decided not to simplify for administrative convenience.

5. Jesus is the Saviour of the World. The precise mechanism by which salvation is achieved remains a standing agenda item.

6. The Holy Spirit is at work in the Church.

Often in ways that make people slightly uncomfortable.

7. Being right is not listed among the Fruits of the Spirit.

We checked. There was discussion.

8. Faith is not the same thing as certainty.

Certainty is much tidier, but has fewer miraculous stories associated with it.

9. Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Indifference and apathy are.

10. Questions are welcome. Answers may be provisional.

This Statement may be revised without notice, should further reflection, prayer, lived experience, or divine interruption require it.

Chattering's from Tuesday Togetherness



Not a lot to report at present. We continue to be increasingly busy and are feeling the strain with team illness and other commitments and on that note we are now desperate for help. We would especially appreciate help from 12.30-1.30 in clearing down, tidying and washing up etc.

Want to sustain the service as it is currently, please let any member of the team know if you can help in any way.



The bus is booked for our annual Outing and this year we are going to York. We have graciously been allowed into the Minster as Pilgrims so they will no charge.

Sign up sheets for the trip and Minster visit will be available from **23rd June** at Tuesday Togetherness that day. First come first served.

We are pleased to say we are able to serve our community in so many ways and most recently and collection for Christian Aid making a total of £146.00. Thanks to John Critchlow for keeping us in the loop.



We also hope to raise some sponsorship for Simon and company for their upcoming ramble and any other things which we can support.

And just to say a massive thank you for your continued support. You! yes you, reading this, make Tuesday Togetherness the success that it is.

Peace be with you all

Only Sunshine?

It's raining again, Tommy the tomato plant complained to himself. Why does it always have to rain? I wish we could always have sunshine.



Being just a tomato plant, Tommy didn't know that the rain is exactly what gave him the water he needed to grow strong and produce plump, melt-in-your-mouth tomatoes. All he thought of is how the wind blew him back and forth and how the rain pelted down on him. He didn't like it at all.

A few weeks later, Tommy got his wish. There was a drought—a long time with no rain at all. At first, Tommy was very happy. No rain! But then the soil began to dry up. No problem, Tommy thought. I'll just dig deeper down into the soil with my roots. But then that soil, too, became dry. Tommy no longer had enough moisture to send to all his leaves. They began to wilt. A few began to shrivel up and die. Tommy realized he would soon wither up altogether if it didn't rain.

He knew now how wrong he had been—he needed rain! The storms gave him something very important he couldn't live without.

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

Tuesday Togetherness Summer Openings 2026

2nd June Coffee and Biscuits 10am-12 noon (Monies to Rectors Ramble)

9th June Normal Service with Lunch

16th June Coffee and Biscuits 10am-12 noon

23rd June Normal Service with Lunch (Guests from Northallerton MU/WI)

30th June 7th, 14th, & 21st & 28th July Normal Service with Lunch

4th August Annual Outing – York & the Minster

CLOSED 11th AUGUST UNTIL 8th SEPTEMBER

We will be taking a well-earned break in August so the team has some R n R and Family/Holiday time. We would like to thank you for your continued support of Tuesday Togetherness and look forward to seeing you when we re-commence Tuesday 8th September

The Curate's Comments



I hope you're all keeping well and enjoying this beautiful weather. It does make such a nice change from all the wind and rain, so, long may it last.

Life has been quite full for me recently as I get ready for my Priesting in June. It's on 27th June at 2pm at Ripon Cathedral, and you're very welcome to come along if you'd like to join us. The next morning, on 28th June at 10.30am at St Gregory's, I'll be celebrating Holy Communion for the first time, which feels both exciting and slightly surreal. I hope you can join this momentous occasion in my ministry.

Over the last eleven months, Simon has been preparing me for all sorts of areas of ministry. I'm now taking funerals and baptisms on my own, and it really is a privilege to walk with families through those deeply personal moments. It can be challenging at times, but it's also one of the most rewarding parts of what I do.

I've also had the chance to work with lots of different people across the benefice and beyond, and those experiences have shaped me in ways I know will stay with me for years to come.

I wanted to share a little reflection with you.

Not long ago, Simon and I were in a meeting with other clergy, and someone shared a reflection on the boy who brought his five loaves and two fish. The message was simple: we bring what we have, and God uses it.

But as I listened, my mind wandered to David facing Goliath. David turns up with nothing but a sling, a tool he's spent years mastering while looking after the sheep. No armour. No sword. No training. Just a shepherd boy standing in front of a giant... and trusting God. David had exactly what he needed. God didn't ask him to become something he wasn't. God took David as he was and used his gifts, his own version of five loaves and two fish, to protect His people. Sometimes God asks us to step into difficult spaces too. Sometimes we have to face our own giants, whether they're situations, challenges, or even people who feel overwhelming. In those moments, all we can do is bring what we have, listen for God's voice, and trust that He's with us.

But there's another question we often forget to ask: What does God want for both us and the giant we're facing?

If we're called to pray for those who hurt us, then our prayers have to include grace, mercy, and peace, even when that's the last thing we feel like offering.

David did what he had to do, not what he wanted to do. And when we face our own giants, it's worth pausing to notice where Christ is at work, where the Spirit is moving, and where the Father is gently guiding us.



Student Placement Introduction

Hi;

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 - discernment and educational pilgrimage.

I have been welcomed enthusiastically by the friendly community of fellow students, staff and brothers at the College and Community of the Resurrection.



The destination of my journey remains an open question; but my first impressions of my initial pathways in prayer, study, service, hospitality and refreshment are positive and full of optimism.

I have enjoyed returning to academic and collegiate life; some of the most illuminating theological thoughts being triggered by conversations outside of lecture rooms and in common life with a varied, interesting and intelligent fraternity.

The rhythm of a religious celebratory routine has not overwhelmed and has regenerated my walk with Christ...to who knows where...? I begin Summer Placement at the Bedale Benefice this June 2026, with much enthusiastic anticipation having completed a wonderful Advent, Christmas and Epiphany placement at Halifax Minster earlier this year

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming summer

God Bless

Mark

(Ordinand College of the
Resurrection, Mirfield)

Words from the Watlass Warden



As I write we are about to go away for a week to the island of Jersey, so I have run out of time to put something original together for this month's magazine. Please take time to read the passage below, which I first came across some fifty-three years ago and which still has something to teach us all today.

Lord, I Have Time - by Abbe Michel Quoist

All men complain that they haven't enough time. They look at their lives from too human a point of view. There is always time to do what God wants us to do, but we must put ourselves completely into each moment that he offers us.

I went out, Lord. People were coming and going, Walking and running. Everything was rushing: Cars, trucks, the street, the whole town. People were rushing not to waste time. They were rushing after time, To catch up with time. To gain time.

Good-bye, Sir, excuse me, I haven't time. I'll come back. I can't wait. I haven't time. I must end this letter—I haven't time. I'd love to help you, but I haven't time. I can't accept, having no time. I can't think, I can't read, I'm swamped, I haven't time. I'd like to pray, but I haven't time.

You understand, Lord, They simply haven't the time. The child is playing, He hasn't time right now...Later on... The schoolboy has his homework to do, He hasn't time...Later on... The student has his courses, And so much work...Later on... The young married man has his new house; He has to fix it up...He hasn't time...Later on... The grandparents have their grandchildren. They haven't time...Later on... They are ill, they have their treatments, They haven't time...Later on... They are dying, they have no... Too late!...They have no more time!

And so all people run after time, Lord. They pass through life running—hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic, And they never get there. They haven't time. In spite of all their efforts They're still short of time, Of a great deal of time. Lord, you must have made a mistake in your calculations, There is a big mistake somewhere. The hours are too short. Our lives are too short.

You who are beyond time, Lord, You smile to see us fighting it. And you know what you are doing. You make no mistakes in your distribution of time to men. You give each one time to do what you want him to do. But we must not lose time, waste time, kill time, For it is a gift that you give us, But a perishable gift, A gift that does not keep.

Lord, I have time, I have plenty of time, All the time that you give me, The years of my life, The days of my life, The days of my years, The hours of my days, They are all mine. Mine to fill, quietly, calmly, But to fill completely, up to the brim, To offer them to you, that of their insipid water You may make a rich wine such as you made once in Cana of Galilee. I am not asking you tonight, Lord, for time to do this and then that, but for your grace to do conscientiously, in the time that you give me, what you want me to do.

A lesson for us all, I think!

Chris.C.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THORNTON WATLASS CHORAL GROUP

SUMMER CONCERT

FRIDAY 10th JULY 2026

7.30pm

in

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Tickets from Christine Carruthers 01677423519

Words from Leeming

Seems only a week or so ago that the reminder email for submissions to the next issue of B & B arrived in the inbox!! So, let's try and see what I can conjure up.



APCM done and dusted (distinct lack of interest from the local population, other than our congregation, despite notices being posted in February!). We are pleased to announce that we now have an additional Church Warden. Welcome to the team Steven (Geordy) James. Geordy is in the RAF at RAF Leeming, will possibly be away on deployment fairly frequently, but it's going to be nice to be able share some of the responsibilities. A much-needed younger pair of legs to ascend the tower steps. I'm sure he will be looking forward to helping in clearing the resident pigeons and their associated "leftovers"!!!

The weather is slowly improving so we will be recommencing the renovation of the interior wall's paintwork. Doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were "at it" last year. Looking forward to having the exterior "pointing" being done and hopefully a reduction of the damp problem. Next big job is a major (expensive) repair to the electrics throughout the church.

The school is undergoing some interior renovation, and it is SO quiet with no children there at present. I'm sure that will not last for long though when it reopens, and a much younger vocal presence will be heard!!

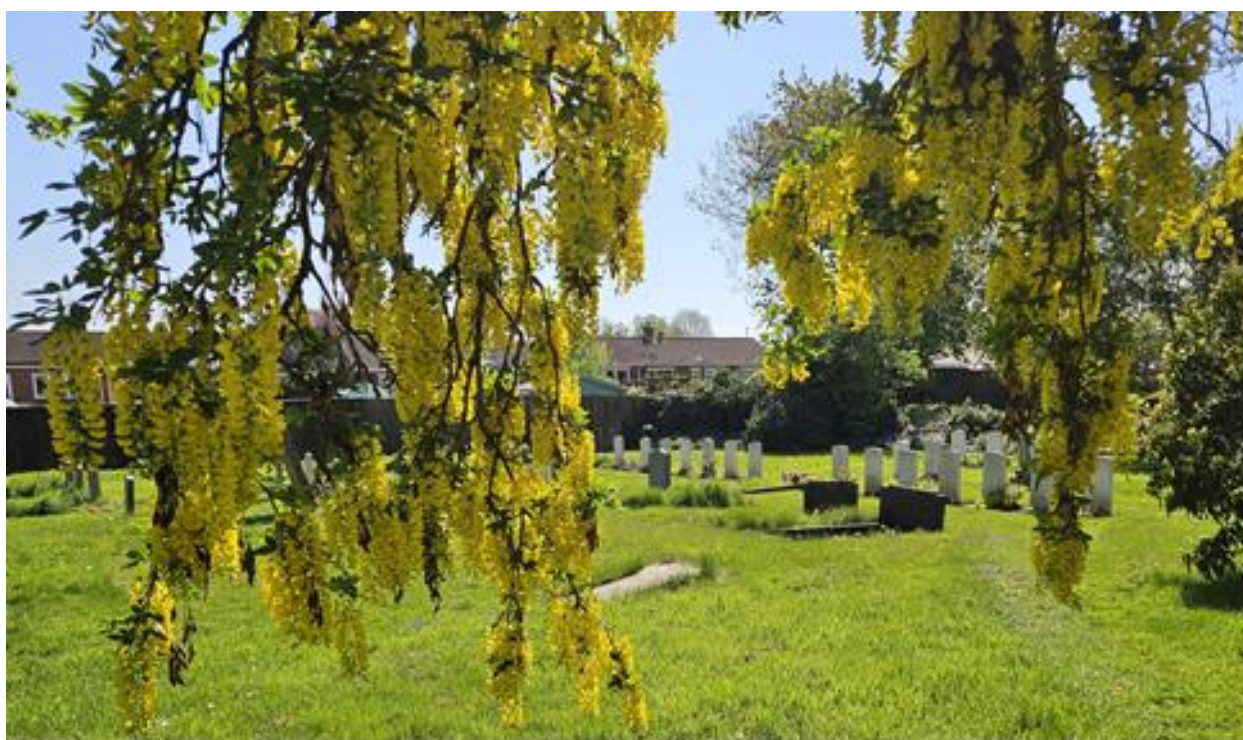
Another Baptism takes place on the same day as the Benefice Service. With 60+ in the baptismal party, it will be nice to have a full church again. It would have been nice to provide refreshments, but with a possibility of around 80+ congregation, no running water, lack of toilets (don't get me started on that one!), not enough cups etc, we'll give that a miss (shame though, as a certain lady does make the most beautiful shortbread)!!

With these articles, my idea is to let you know what is happening within our church and my take on random topics. So, I'll ask yet again, what are your honest thoughts, and suggestions as to what you would like to see/hear about. So far, I've had no feedback whatsoever. Is no news good news? Would a "letters" page in B & B be worthwhile/viable?

The sun has made an appearance, the lawns need mowing, plants need attending to (as does a nice bottle of "Red"). So, I'll leave you to chuckle/frown/despair at the ramblings of an aging Church Warden. See you next issue (if I'm asked to contribute). 'till then

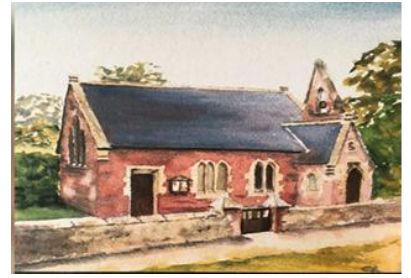
God bless, and take care.

Chris L



Coffee Morning
St John's Church Leeming
3rd Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Burrill News



On Saturday 18th July, Burrill Church will be welcoming singing group The Chequered Acafellas over the Pennines from Cumbria to entertain us for the evening and help us raise funds for the church. And you are all invited to join us for the fun!

The Chequered Acafellas describe themselves as “Eight blokes singing in unaccompanied close harmony to entertain, amuse and stir the emotions”. With music from all eras – ancient, modern, sacred, secular, traditional, folk and working songs – there’s something for everyone, with some laughs along the way.

Wine and beer will be available throughout the evening to keep you (and the singers) refreshed. Tickets can be bought on the night, but as space is rather limited, you may prefer to buy in advance through a member of the Burrill congregation, or via Lucy (07866 741833)

Anyone wanting a preview can look at the group’s Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573808339541>

COFFEE MORNING BURRILL CHURCH
SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2026
10AM – 1PM

*PLUS - Cake Stall, Plant/Seedling Swaps and
Bric-a-Brac*

ALL WELCOME

Proceeds to help fund church upkeep.
Any contributions for the stalls
most gratefully received!