



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for

Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

October 2026

Stewardship Sunday

OCTOBER

4TH Trinity 18

8.00 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
11:00 Leeming Parish Communion
16.00 Harvest Service at Thornton Watlass
18.30 Bedale Evensong

8th Thursday

10.30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP

9th Friday

19.00 Pie, Pea & Quiz at Thornton Watlass Village Hall

11th Trinity 19

9:15 Bedale Harvest Festival
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
18.30 Burrill Evensong

15th Thursday

10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP

17th Saturday

16.00 Mayor's Gathering for Those who Serve

Harvest Festivals

St Mary's, Thornton Watlass – Sunday 4th October at 4pm followed by a harvest tea.

St Gregory's, Bedale – Sunday 11th October at 9:15am followed by refreshments.

St John's, Leeming – Sunday 18th October at 11am, followed by a harvest lunch.

Leeming Coffee Morning

The next Leeming Church coffee morning will be on

Thursday 8th October from 10am until 12 noon

Thornton Watlass – Pie and Peas Supper with a Quiz

Please join us at Thornton Watlass Village Hall for a pie and peas supper followed by a quiz.

This is a popular annual event, so get your names to Chris Carruthers for your place.

Floodlighting

Floodlighting of St Gregory's tower will recommence at the start of October. To sponsor the floodlighting in memory of someone please get in touch with Sarah in the office on 07949 006681 or admin@bedale.church

PRAYERS

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Olive Robinson, Justin, Alison, Dan, Claire Bell, Christina, Elizabeth, Jean, Christine, Richard, Arthur Lightfoot, and Ann Madsen.

We continue to pray for our local schools and care homes.

RIP

Mary Harker, George Carling, and Lady Jadranka Beresford-Peirce
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

READINGS – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Collect

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. Blessed by your grace, may we serve you by sharing and serving our brothers and sisters. We remain ever grateful for your constant love, and all in the name and the gift of your Son Jesus. We seek to be your faithful stewards. Amen

First Reading – Psalm 90 – Corporate reading of the text in bold

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, ‘Turn back, you mortals.’

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away, our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years,

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading - Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

“It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money. “After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’ “The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest. ““Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.

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.