



BENEFICE BULLETIN

Church News for

Bedale, Burrill, Leeming and Thornton Watlass

1st November 2026

All Saints' Day

November

1st All Saints' Day

8:00 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
11:00 Leeming Parish Communion
16:00 All Souls Service, Bedale

5th Thursday

8th Third Sunday before Advent/ Remembrance Sunday

10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Acts of Remembrance at Bedale,
Thornton Watlass and Leeming
16:00 Burrill Evensong

11th Wednesday

12th Thursday

15th Second Sunday before Advent

11:00 Act of Remembrance at Bedale War Memorial
10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP
9:15 Bedale Parish Communion
10:45 Thornton Watlass Parish Communion
11:00 Leeming Parish Communion
16:00 Thornton Watlass Evensong
10:30 Bedale Holy Communion BCP

19th Thursday

All Souls Service

1st November 2026 – 4pm in St Gregory's Church



This is a service to remember those who have died, a candle will be lit in memory of those who have died in the last 2 years. If you would like anyone remembered, please add their names to the lists at the back of church.

The office will be closed
for half term from 22nd
October until 5th
November for holidays.

Operation Christmas Child

The annual shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child is upon us, there are leaflets at the back of church.

Collection Point – St Gregory's Church – From 9-16 November

PRAYERS

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Bel Newman, Olive Robinson, Justin, Alison, Dan, Claire Bell, Christina, Elizabeth, Jean, Christine, Richard, Ann and Arthur Lightfoot, James, Laura and Shirley Woods
We continue to pray for our local schools and care homes.

RIP

Peter Walsh
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

READINGS

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 – Revelation 7.9–end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Second Reading - 1 John 3.1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5.1-12

Seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Revelation 7.9-17

Chapter 7 of the book of Revelation deals what will happen to the servants of God during the tribulation. John's vision is twofold. Verses 1-8 announce that 144,000 people of God (12,000 each from each of the 12 tribes of Israel) will be sealed against the plagues that will affect the unbelievers, reminiscent of the plagues of the Exodus affecting only the Egyptians. The second half of the chapter is an elaborate vision of what will happen to the innumerable multitude in eternity.

The multitude at the end of time is made up of people from every nation and race, not just one chosen race. The multitude acknowledge the source of their salvation and humble themselves, prostrating and singing God's praises (vv. 9-12). A conversation then occurs between an elder and John to clarify who these individuals are. They are the ones who have survived the 'great ordeal' and are washed in the blood of the lamb (vv. 13-14). Verses 15-17 present a picture of great peace and loving compassion that is in store for those who acknowledge Christ. Reminiscent of Psalm 23, it is the shepherd who will care for them and lead them to the springs of the water of life (v. 17).

The Epistle 1 John 3.1-3

John provides a profound theological statement in this passage. To follow Christ is to become children of God and to be transformed. The love of God is such that it is active and life changing, not passive and inconsequential. Verse 29 of chapter 2 is the precursor to verses 1-3 of chapter 3. Verse 29 says that discernment of righteousness is a sign that a person is of God. The righteousness of God passes on to those who believe in and follow God. Those who sin have yet to know the Father. Belief in God brings conformity to a way of life (v. 1). The full revelation of who God is, is yet to come, but we will be fully imprinted with his will once we see God absolutely (v. 2). A perspective of hope brings purity. As we turn our lives, actions and souls towards God in the hope of unity with God, we purify ourselves as God is pure.

The Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

The Beatitudes provide a model of behaviour of radical love and justice that we all must strive for. Each is made up of three components: first, the pronouncement of blessedness; second, the current position of the named group; and third, the announcement at the end of a reward in heaven for all those mentioned. This reward is referred to in a number of ways such as comfort, inheriting the earth, mercy, children of God and so on.

The reward is salvation and a real encounter with God. The Beatitudes apply to all who sincerely strive to know God and to make God known. The foundation for the behaviour and attitudes inherent in the Beatitudes must be love, just as love undergirds all that God is, as manifest in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.