

Advance Notice

Rev Ian Greenhalgh and his son Tom are cycling and running 75 miles to raise money for the work of the Churches in the Bowland & Ewecross Deanery. This is to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds. It also marks Rev Ian's 75th birthday. On **Friday 19th April** they will cycle 50 miles from Settle Parish Church to Ripon Cathedral, visiting a few churches on the way. On **Saturday 20th April** they will be running from Gargrave to the finish at Bradford Cathedral. There will be a service in Bradford Cathedral at 4pm on Saturday 20th April. If anyone would like to join either the cycling or running or both they are welcome. Please get in touch with Ian. There will be some sponsor forms at the back of church.

Prayers for this week of those we know

We pray for - those we know who are sick in any way, especially for Michelle Hunter, Sarah Wilson, David Davis, Michael Marshall, Carol Hall, Ann Duncan, Anne Taylor, Hazel Schofield, Bryan Thwaite and any others that we know who are struggling at this time.

We ask for comfort for - all those who mourn the death of a loved one



**Please join us
for tea/coffee
after the
service**



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A Warm Welcome to Bentham Parish Church St John the Baptist Sunday 17th March 2024



9am Holy Communion CW Canon Peter Greenwood
10.30 Holy Communion Canon Peter Greenwood

Events next week

Wed 20th March - 7.00 - 8.30 Bell Ringing practice at St John's
Wed 20th March - 7.00-9.00pm "Our Life is Love" Lent course at Settle Parish Church. See notice at the back of church for more details



Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March we will be doing Easter Crafts at the primary school. Please see Judith for more details.

Fri 22nd March - Easter Egg Bingo @ The Victoria Institute Low Bentham. Time 5.30 to start at 6pm with refreshments.

Easter Choir Would you like to join us for Easter Sunday Service? Rehearsals are Sunday 24th March after church and Wednesday March 27th 2pm. Please see Judith.

Sat 23rd March - 10-12noon Meditation at St John's
For more information or if you would like to let me know you are coming please email:- peter.greenwood@leeds.anglican.org

Sun 24th March - Holy Communion BCP said
10.30 Morning Worship for Palm Sunday

EASTER SERVICES

Thurs 28th March - 7pm Team service for Maundy Thursday
@ St Oswald's Thornton-in-Lonsdale

Fri 29th March - 10.30 CTiB service for Good Friday on School Hill.

Fri 29th March - 3pm Reflections for Good Friday at St John's Bentham

Easter Day

Sun 31st March - 6.30am CTiB Sunrise Service at the Big Stone

Sun 31st March - 9am Holy Communion CW said

Sun 31st March - 10.30 Holy Communion with hymns & Easter egg hunt for the children.

Mon 1st April - 2pm - 4pm Cream teas at St John's. Help needed on the day.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

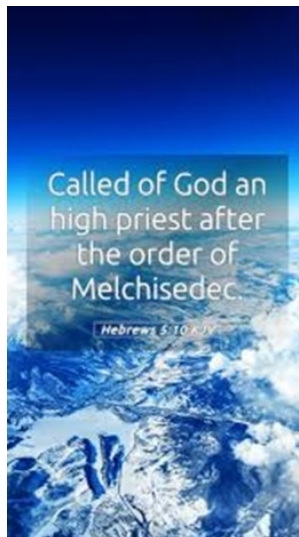
Post Communion

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**

First 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.

