Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

5th January 2025

Weekly Pew Sheet

Epiphany

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Ephesians 3:1-12

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| *At Rillington:*  The Epistle is from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, chapter 3 | *At Yedingham:* The Epistle is written in the third chapter of Ephesians,  beginning at the first verse. |

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner forChrist Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.In former generations this mysterywas not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone seewhat is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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| *At Rillington:*  This is the word of the Lord.  **Thanks be to God.** | *At Yedingham:* Here endeth the Epistle. |

Matthew 2: 1-12

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| *At Rillington:*  Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  **Glory to you, O Lord.** | *At Yedingham:* The holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse. |

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler    who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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| *At Rillington:*  This is the Gospel of the Lord.  **Praise to you,**  **O Christ.** | *At Yedingham:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  **Praise be to thee, O Christ for this thy holy gospel.** |

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

O God, who by the leading of a star

manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we,

who know you now by faith,

may at last behold your glory face to face;

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Prayer for the Week at Home*

*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen*

*(Faith and Worship)*

NEXT WEEK: 12 January 2025

10.15am

All Saints’ Thorpe Bassett BCP Communion

Readings: Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

A Prayer during Vacancy

Gracious God,

in your mercy, and for your glory,

renew us, reshape us, revive us -

with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love -

that, in transformed lives,

through growing church and building community in this Benefice,

we may see your Kingdom come

and be good news for all. Amen.

*Adapted from Derby Diocese’s Diocesan Vision Prayer*