

Benefice of Buckrose Carrs

14th December 2025

Weekly Pew Sheet

Advent 3

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Isaiah 35: 1-10

The reading is taken from the thirty fifth chapter of the Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here endeth the Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ for this thy Holy Gospel.

Prayer for the week (COLLECT)

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer for the Week at Home

Almighty God, who through the prophets
promised that light would conquer the
darkness, shine in my heart and in my mind,
and so use me that I may lead others in your
splendour and the greatness of your power
which is revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Adapted from:
Clouds of Glory David Adam

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***

THIS WEEK:

15th December

Carol Service

St John's Yedingham, 6pm

18th December

Carol Services

St Peter's Wintringham, 6.30pm

St Hilda's Sherburn, 7pm

20th December

Countdown to Christmas

Fun for all ages

St Andrew's Rillington, 4pm

NEXT WEEK

21st December.

Advent 4

All Saint's, West Heslerton

CW Communion. 10.15am

Readings:

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Matthew 1: 18-end

24th Christmas Eve

First Communion of Christmas

St Andrew's, Rillington, 7.30PM

25th Christmas Day

Communion (Traditional)

St Martin's, Scampston, 6pm