

# THE FLAME

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The **FOURTH SUNDAY** of ADVENT

**23rd December 2018**

## THIS MORNING'S READINGS

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING - *Micah 5.2-5a (NRSV)*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING - *Hebrews 10.5-10 (NRSV)*

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL - *Luke 1.39-55 (NRSV)*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## WELCOME

WELCOME to the Parish of Baildon. You will find an accessible toilet in each of our three churches/halls and hearing loops are fitted.



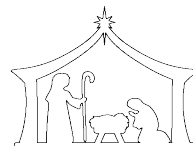
## TODAY'S SERVICES

**ST HUGH'S CHURCH** at 9.00am  
Hymns: CP 58, sheet 1, CP 505, and 362

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH** at 10.00am  
Hymns: CP 58, sheet 1, CP 65  
(omit v. 2, 5, 6), sheet 2 and CP 362

**ST JAMES' CHURCH** at 10.30am  
Hymns: CP 58, sheet 1, CP 65 (omit v. 2, 5, 6), 242 and 362

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH** at 6.00pm  
Carols by Candlelight



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### St John's Church

**Sunday 23rd December**  
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**  
8.30am Christmas Communion  
10.00am Christmas Communion

### St James' Church

**Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm Crib Service  
**Christmas Day**  
10.15am Christmas Communion

### St Hugh's Church

**Christmas Day**  
8.45am Christmas Communion

# NOTICES

## CANDLELIT CAROL

**SERVICE** - Join us for our annual service of carols, readings and anthems tonight - Sunday 23rd December - at 6pm in St John's Church. This is always a very popular service when we hear again the story of the birth of the Christ-child.

**MISSION BOXES** - Please return your mission boxes for CMS, Mission to Seafarers, Leprosy Mission and The Bible Society to John Guest before the end of the year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Please be aware that there will be no Sunday School on Sunday 30th December.

**JOINT PARISH WORSHIP** - Our next 5th Sunday Joint Parish Worship is on 30th December at 10.00am at St Hugh's Church.

**CHURCH DIARIES** - Collect your copy of our 2019 Church diary from the back of church.

**RAINBOWS** - Rainbows is a fun and exciting programme for girls aged 5 to 7. A new unit will begin in the New Year at St John's Church Hall on Tuesdays in term time from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. If you are interested in a place for a girl or in becoming a volunteer, you are welcome to attend an Open Meeting on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. Or you can express an interest by phoning Heather Hows on 01274 427239.

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH** - Our charity of the month for January is the Samaritans. Every six seconds somebody contacts the Samaritans. Ten times a minute they can help someone turn their life around. For the Samaritans that's a privilege, and a huge responsibility. They increase access to support people in distress and crisis. They do everything they can to make it as easy as possible for people to contact them for help. People can talk to them without telling them who they are and be reassured that they won't pass on their information to anyone else or intervene against their wishes. For more information about this vital organisation see [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org). There will be collecting buckets in church during January - please give mindfully.

**MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER** - The Mothers' Union is holding a Wave of Prayer at 4 Beechtree Court, Baildon on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am.

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

## THIS SUNDAY: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 8.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church
- 6.00pm **Candlelit Carol Service** at St John's Church

## MONDAY: **Christmas Eve**

- 4.00pm **Crib Service** at St John's Church
- 4.00pm **Crib Service** at St James' Church
- 11.30pm **Midnight Communion** at St John's Church

## TUESDAY: **Christmas Day**

- 8.30am **Christmas Communion** at St John's Church
- 8.45am **Christmas Communion** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Christmas Communion** at St John's Church
- 10.15am **Christmas Communion** at St James' Church

## NEXT SUNDAY: *The First Sunday of Christmas*

- 10.00am **Joint Parish Communion** at St Hugh's Church

