

THE FLAME

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The FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

30th December 2018

THIS MORNING'S READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING - 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 (NRSV)
Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Colossians 3.12-17 (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 2.41-end (NRSV)

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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 SERVICE

ST HUGH'S CHURCH at 10am

~ See Service Booklet ~

Family Worship

Sunday 6th

January

ST JOHN'S

10.00am

All-age worship with activities, hymns, prayers and readings

Celebrating Epiphany



NOTICES

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. 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 Wed 9th January at 9.00am.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES - Here's a reminder of committee meeting dates, times and venues, meeting during January 2019:

Social Committee	Monday 14th January	7.30pm	Cranmer Room
Ministry and Mission Committee	Monday 21st January	7.45pm	Cranmer Room
Finance and Buildings Committee	Monday 28th January	7.00pm	Cranmer Room

MESSY CHURCH - We enjoy Messy Church on the third Sunday of every month in St John's Church Hall at 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for families to come and explore what Christians believe through craft, activities and worship. Each session is themed and there's always lots to make and do, followed by a short service and a light tea. Our next session is on Sunday 20th January.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

THIS SUNDAY: *The First Sunday of Christmas*
10.00am **Joint Parish Communion** at St Hugh's Church

TUESDAY: New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY:

10.00am **The Eucharist** at St James' Church

SATURDAY:

9.45am **Baptism Preparation** in St John's Church Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: *Epiphany*

8.30am **Holy Communion** at St John's Church

9.00am **Holy Communion** at St Hugh's Church

10.00am **Family Service** at St John's Church

10.30am **Holy Communion** at St James' Church

