

THE FLAME

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EDUCATION SUNDAY

27th January 2019

THIS MORNING'S READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NRSV)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING - 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a (NRSV)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 4.14-21 (NRSV)

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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 165 (omit v. 5 and 6),
sheet 1, CP 170 and 534

ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 10.00am

See Service Booklet

ST JAMES' CHURCH at 10.30am

Hymns: CP 165 (omit v. 5 and 6),
sheet 1, CP 170 and 534

ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 6.00pm

Compline Service



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**Family
Worship**

Celebrating Candlemas
Sun 3rd February
St John's Church, 10am
All age worship with
activities, hymns,
prayers and readings

NOTICES

FAMILY WORSHIP - Join us for Family Worship on Sunday 3rd February at 10am at St John's Church when we will be celebrating Candlemas. This all-age service includes activities, hymns, prayers and readings.

INSTALLATION - The date of the service when I will be Installed as an Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral is Sunday 24th February at 3.30pm. Please put the date in your diary. Everyone is very welcome to attend this service and it would be great if as many people as possible could come. If transport is needed we will try and make sure that everyone has a lift. It is a great privilege for me to be asked to serve in this way and I would love to see friends from Baildon on the day. If you need any more information don't hesitate to phone on 01274 589005. Thanks, Sandra

LOST KING - One of the three kings from the travelling crib got lost on his journey; please can you search your toy boxes and see if he can be found and return him to church. Thank you!

BAILDON TOWN COUNCILLORS

- Are you interested in representing your local area on Baildon Town Council? Candidates are being sought for elections in May. Pick up a flyer from the back of church today or visit www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

GOD AND BREXIT - Revd Professor Ken Medhurst is leading an exciting 3 week course entitled 'God and Brexit' in St James' Church on 4th, 11th and 18th February 2019. The course starts at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.00pm.

Ken writes: BREXIT – NOT AGAIN! The course seeks to break free from angry and divisive debates. Rather it invites us thoughtfully to contemplate the current crisis through the eyes of Christian faith. Can the Bible and Christian teaching shed light on the deep-seated issues at stake? The course covers these topics -

Week 1: Why should Christians be concerned by Brexit? What guidance can the Bible and Christian teaching offer?

Week 2: What is Brexit all about? What deep-seated issues are at stake? What is the spiritual significance of these issues? A Christian response – prophets and prophecy.

Week 3: Where do we go from here? What are the Church and Christians called to do in the face of crises and change? A Christian vision for our nation's future.

It is a great privilege for the parish to have Ken share with us on this important subject as the country experiences massive turmoil in light of the events this week. I recommend this course to you.

COFFEE MORNING - On Saturday 9 February there will be a coffee morning at St Aidan's Church Hall, 10.00 to 11.30am, in aid of **Let The Children Live!** Churches Together in Baildon have been supporting this charity for 25 years now. It takes children off the streets in Medellin, the second biggest city in Colombia, and gives them education, accommodation and emotional support.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - In February we are supporting **St George's Crypt in Leeds**. It has been helping homeless and vulnerable people for nearly 90 years, offering lunch to anyone who comes to the door and 3 meals a day 7 days a week to residents, plus showers, advice and support. They have training opportunities in retail and catering, and they offer a range of services, such as drug rehabilitation, dentistry and occupational therapy. We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 16 February, 10.00 to 11.30am, at St James', and there will be buckets for donations, as usual, at the two other churches throughout the month.

SPECIAL WEDDING SERVICE - On Sunday 10th February at 5pm at St John's, there will be a special evening service for couples getting married in the parish during 2019/20. It would be lovely for them to be welcomed by members of our congregations, so please try to come along if you can.

FUN AUCTION - Join us for our Fun Auction on Saturday 16th February at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. Tickets are available from Alison Boggie and cost £5 per person to include a pie and peas supper. Please bring two items only for the auction.

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY - January is the time of the year to return your house collection boxes. Could you please let Jennifer Marsh have them as soon as you can for counting. This collection is a vital part of the income of the Children's Society in its aim to protect vulnerable children in our society.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

THIS SUNDAY: Education Sunday

- 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
- 2.00pm **Baptism** at St John's Church
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- 6.00pm **Compline** at St John's Church

MONDAY:

- 7.00pm **Finance and Buildings C'mt** in the Cranmer Room

TUESDAY:

- 9.30am **The Eucharist** at St Hugh's Church
- 10.00am **Parish Prayer Group** at St James' Church
- 6.00pm **Vestry Hour** (arrangement of banns, baptisms etc) in St John's Church Hall

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

- 12.15pm **School Communion** at The Church School

NEXT SUNDAY: Candlemas

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