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Advent Sunday



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Services next week in the Parish— 4th December 2022

9.30am St John's—Holy Communion
9.30am St Hugh's—Service of the Word
4.15pm St John's—Christingle Service

Hymn

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!**

God appears on earth to reign.

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!**

Thou shalt reign and thou alone.

Introduction to the theme

In the name of the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light dawning where there has been darkness.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:12

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Reading—Isaiah 2.1-5

At the end of the reading please respond

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the father, who created all things:

All for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All for with his blood he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!' Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the words "Lord hear us" would you please respond '**Lord graciously hear us**' At end of the prayers we say together

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen

May God in mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. Take hold of this forgiveness and be at peace.

All Amen.

The children join us from their worship and notices are given.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we will light a candle to remember the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.

Bible reading

The first candle is lit

Let us pray

All Lord Jesus we give thanks for our Father Abraham who by faith obeyed your call and became the father of many nations. Give us faith to listen to your voice that our hearts may be filled with the hope of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

Hymn

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts....

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light! ...

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light!

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light!

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread,

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

During communion please join in with the singing of the hymn

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember:
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.**

*So we share in this Bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.*

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.*

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.*

Prayer after Communion

Post communion prayer is said

All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.

The children share their work.

Hymn

**Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
forevermore.**

Blessing

With love and compassion,
All come, Lord Jesus.
With judgement and mercy,
All come, Lord Jesus.
In power and glory,
All come, Lord Jesus.
In wisdom and truth,
All come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

ADVENT - During Advent we will once again be live streaming Compline onto our Facebook page every evening at 9.30pm, everyone is very welcome to join us for this short service of night prayer.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING – Our next Family Service is the popular Christingle Service at 4.15pm on the 4th December. For this service we need to make up lots of Christingles. We are doing this on Friday 2nd December at 10am in the kitchen area at St John's. Please do come along and enjoy a couple of hours fun, drinking tea or coffee, chatting with friends and making the Christingles. Many hands make light work!

COLLECTION OF NON FOOD ITEMS—Alongside our Food Bank we are want to provide other essential items for anyone in need to help themselves. A box will be in the doorway at St John's hall (the double doors just inside the railings). Please put donations in the box. The notice will read "Please feel free to take what you need". People won't have to wait and can help themselves - it saves the embarrassment having to ask. The box will be available this coming week. Publicity will go out on Facebook and please spread the word to anyone in need. Donations of the following will be greatly accepted and appreciated:

sanitary products, toilet rolls, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, soap, handwash, make up wipes, baby wipes, cleaning products and cloths, washing powder, washing up liquid, hand cream, tissues, deodorant.....

FAMILY SERVICE - Our next Family Service is our Christingle Service on Sunday 4th December at 4.15pm in St John's Church. A great time to get us in the Christmas mood!

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB - Want to know more? Come to St James's on Tuesday 29th November and Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm! We will be looking at 'And Yet - Find joy in Lament' written by Rachael Newham. Everyone is welcome. If you attending you will need to purchase the book, if you would like us to buy one for you then please speak to Ruth or Sandra.

WARM WEDNESDAYS - St Hugh's is a Warm Space every Wednesday 9am to 2pm. We have toasted teacakes, crumpets and warm drinks from 9am and homemade soup and cakes for lunch from 12 noon. We have the daily newspapers and our little library available. Warm Spaces are designed to offer companionship, food and drink, and heated seated areas in these times of difficulty. Everybody is welcome and food and refreshments is offered free or on a Pay-As-You-Feel basis. We offer this in association with Bradford Council who have provided a grant for this service.

TOYS – For many families, Christmas will be more challenging this year than ever before. St Hugh's Centre is running our annual Christmas Hamper for Baidon Families in Crisis Project. We are collecting donations of toys and books to add to the hampers which need to be in new or excellent condition. Donations can be brought to Church until 4th December. Please do not wrap the toys so we can easily match suitable gifts to children.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Don't forget that after worship today we will be putting our Christmas Grotto together so that Father Christmas has a place to see children the next weekend. We need volunteers to help with putting up Christmas trees and making the stage festive. With enough helpers it should take a couple of hours - you will be refreshed with drinks and mince pies!

ST JAMES'S CRAFT GROUP - We invite you to join our new Craft Group every Monday from 2pm to 4pm in St James's Lounge. In the lead up to Christmas, we will be making a variety of festive items. Each session costs £3.50 and all materials are provided. Booking is essential and this can be done by contacting Helen on 07378 745676 or via email stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS - if you have been collecting for this charity using an annual collecting box November is the time to return it. Please bring your box to any of the churches for it to be placed in the safe. I will ensure that in due course the money will be sent on to the charity. If someone would like to take on organising fundraising for Missions to Seafarers in future, then please have a word with me. Otherwise, this will be the final year. Many thanks, Ruth

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP will be at St James' Church on Sunday 11th December at 6pm. The final theme the year is the title of God: Alpha and Omega. We will be thinking about how this title may be expressed in word and craft. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. A reflection on the theme and craft resources will be available from Sunday 20 November. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to receive the reflection and pick up resources for crafting.

Christmas Events and Services

Sunday 11th December

4.00pm—Messy Church for Christmas at St John's Church

Sunday 18th December

6.00pm—Candelit Carol Service at St John's Church

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm—Crib Service at St John's Church

11.30pm—Midnight Communion at St John's Church

Sunday 25th December

8.30am—Christmas Communion at St John's Church

10.00am—Christmas Communion at St John's Church

10.15am—Christmas Communion at St James's Church

Parish Christmas Market at St John's Church

Parish Christmas Market:

Saturday 3rd December 10am - 4pm:

Stalls, wreaths, raffle, games, Father Christmas and refreshments to raise much needed money for Parish funds.

Baildon at Christmas:

Sunday 4th December 11am-4pm:

We are hiring stalls in the main hall & upper room for the community 'Baildon at Christmas' event, plus Father Christmas, raffle and refreshments for Parish funds.

How can you help?

Donations needed— boxes to accept donations as you come into church.

- Chocolates (boxes of chocolate, individual bars) - for a chocolate tombola
- Bottles (mainly alcohol bottles, soft drink bottles) - for a bottle tombola
- Raffle prize donations for our luxury raffle
- Preloved Christmas clothes for us to display and sell.

Cakes—buns—scones: showcase your baking skills with some bakes for either our cake stall on Saturday, or for refreshments on Saturday and Sunday!

Please drop off your creations up to 30 minutes before we open or as early as possible at the start of the event, and if you could advise either Sandra Brickley, Anthea Petts, Julie Coles, or Sara Daniel (sara.j.daniel@gmail.com) what you are planning to make that would be helpful.

Would you like to help on one or both of the days? Many hands make light work and means we can all enjoy the event too. Please contact Sara Daniel if you would like to help on 07860 889766 or sara.j.daniel@gmail.com



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