



## *St John's Church, Baildon*



### **Family Service**

**Sunday 5th March 2023**

**10.00am**

Welcome, notices and Banns of Marriage

## 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 power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**

*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 .....*

**All Loving Father, we thank you for this opportunity to  
worship you together. Please help everyone here today to  
learn something new about you. Thank you that you know  
and love each one of us and you want us to belong to you.  
Amen.**

## **Saying sorry**

Thank you Lord that you love us and hear us when we pray  
We are sorry for things we have done that have hurt you and others.

We have not loved you or others as much as we could

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have not helped others as Jesus helped us

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have been impatient

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have been angry

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have been jealous of others

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have told lies

**All Lord, we are sorry**

We have forgotten to pray

**All Lord, we are sorry**

Thank you Lord that when we confess our sins you are faithful and just and forgive us our sins and wash us clean again.

**All Amen.**

## **Falling down—we all need strong foundations**

### **Bible story**

### **What would you do?**

## Hymn

Father, I place into your hands  
the things I cannot do.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The times that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the way that I should go,  
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands  
my friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the person I would be,  
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,  
we love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
and in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
and in your presence rest,  
for we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you  
and do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
that you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
that you will draw to you,  
for I know that I am one with you.

## We have Jesus to help us!

- Who do you trust when you face difficult decisions/testing times?
  - Has there been a time when you've trusted God when things have been difficult? Did it help? What did you learn?
- What help could we give to people facing a testing time?

## The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

**Prayers** using our spinners and including the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Hymn** during which a collection will be taken for the work of this Parish. At the end of the service the contactless giving machine will be available at the back of church should you prefer to make a donation in this way.

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
he leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.**

*And I will trust in you alone,.....*

**And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.**

*And I will trust in You alone, ...*

As we prepare to follow you Jesus through this time of Lent on your journey to the cross, help us always to know that we can trust in you always. And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you and with and those whom you love and pray for, this day and all ways.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## NOTICES

**REFRESHMENTS**—Do join us for coffee/tea and biscuits in the hall as the Parish Prize Draw is being drawn.

**MESSY CHURCH**—This month's Messy Church is **SUNDAY 12th MARCH at 4pm** in the Church Hall (please note this is not the third Sunday which is Mothering Sunday).

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**—Our next Family Service is **SUNDAY 19th MARCH at 10am** at St John's Church when we will be celebrating all that our Mothers (and all those who care for us) do and have done for us.

**CONVERSATIONS IN LENT**—The Christian faith is not just what happens on Sunday. When we gather to worship often there is not much time to talk about living our faith in our daily lives. Our world is complex and we face a range of personal and ethical decisions in a culture of many and varied views. Lent is a season when we are encouraged to make time to deepen our faith which has a lot to contribute to society today. We have called our time together this year 'Conversations in Lent'.

There will be input on a particular ethical issue each week with time to talk and to reflect together as seek to grow in faith and find resources for daily living. We hope that you will come along to St James' Church on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 - 9.15pm. The topics and dates are:-

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sexuality and gender** led by Bishop of Bradford, Rt Rev Toby Howarth

**March 14<sup>th</sup> – Dying Matters** led by Carolyn and Nic Gomersal

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – Inter-faith issues** led by Rev Jenny Ramsden, Diocesan Inter-faith Advisor

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - 'Living in community; an enabled world?'**

**Reflections on faith and disability** led by Rev Ruth Yeoman

**LENT LUNCHESES**—We will be holding Lent Lunches starting at 12.30am. The dates and venues are:

Tuesday 7th March at St John's Church

Thursday 16th March—Moravian Church

Thursday 23rd March—St James's Church (led by the Church School)

Friday 31st March—St Aidan's Church

**LENT APPEAL**—This year our Lent Appeal is for UNICEF using their Jar of Grace Appeal. As you leave Church today you will be given a jam-jar or label. At each meal during Lent you are invited to say the prayer on the label and then make a donation to the work of the UNICEF as you give thanks for everything that we have. These will be collected on Easter Day.

**LENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP TOBY**—Bishop Toby will be leading a Lent Retreat at Bradford Cathedral this Saturday 11th March from 10am—1pm. This will be an opportunity to take time out to be with God in the beautiful space of the Cathedral. If you would like to know more please see Canon Sandra.

**ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB** – On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm we will be meeting in St James' Lounge to look at Chapter 4 of the book 'And yet – Finding Joy in Lament' by Rachael Newham. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. If you would like support to purchase a copy, please have a word with Canon Sandra or Revd Ruth.

**THE CROSS OF CHRIST**— This is a very moving service and it will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday) at 4pm. The choir have been practicing very hard for this service and they will be supported by others. Please do come and support our choir as we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week.

**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT**—There will be a fair trade information stall in the Co-op during FairTrade Fortnight (Feb 27- Mar 12).

**KNEELERS AT ST JOHN'S**— We are in the process of offering kneelers from St John's if anyone would like one. Today is the last opportunity over refreshments in the Church Hall to have a look at the kneelers we hold at St John's and see if there is one that you would like to take home. After today the remainder will be donated to another church. If you would like to make a donation, any money given will be used to improve St John's Church historically ie re-gilding the lettering in the porch

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