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**Services in the Parish next week—1st October 2023**

8.30am—Holy Communion St John's

9.30am—Service of the Word

10.00am—Family Service for Harvest Festival

**Hymn**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

In 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.**

### **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.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**Collect**

**Reading**—Philippians 1:21-end

*At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.**

*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God  
And you're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

**King of all days,  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor.**

*So here I am to worship,....*

**And I'll never know how much it cost,  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.**

*So here I am to worship,....*

**The Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Generous Lord' would you please respond '**Hear our prayer**'  
*At the end*

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

## Prayers of Penitence

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart.  
But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us,  
freely, unconditionally, always.  
Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

**All It seems we cannot decide loving God.  
We say we will live to serve others,  
but end up meeting only our needs.  
We claim to live in a way that honours Christ,  
but we do not take him to work, school, home.  
We believe that the gospel can transform lives,  
(at least, for those who need it - not us).  
Forgive us, Prince of Peace.  
Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace.**

**Instead of continual complaining,  
may we carry compassion to the hurting.  
Instead of whiners,  
may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,  
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

*Silence is kept*

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.  
God graces everyone with gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.  
Know that your sins are forgiven.

**All God has kept the covenant.  
We have been forgiven,  
we have been made new people.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The children are welcomed from their worship and notices are given. Joan Johnson receives her RSCM Long Service Medal.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.*

**Hymn** during which a collection is taken for the work of the Parish

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve  
and give your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant King;  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will, but yours,' he said.  
*This is our God, the Servant King;....***

**Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

*This is our God, the Servant King;...*

**So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

*This is our God, the Servant King;...*

## **Preparation of the Table**

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

Heavenly Father, as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,  
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds as we offer our lives in your  
service; for Jesus Christ's sake.

**All Amen.**

## **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

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.**

*The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen.**

During communion please join in with singing the hymn below

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post-Communion prayer for the day is said*

**All God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of  
heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our  
journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The children share their work.

## **The Dismissal**

### **Hymn**

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**



**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **NOTICES**

**REFRESHMENTS** - Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

**CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP** - will be at St James' Church this evening at 6pm. This month we are going to be thinking about and crafting around the word 'Gathering'. This is something we do often, with people and all sorts of things. God gathered in creation and continues to bring things together purposely and at the right time. 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. Please email Ruth on [ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more.

**SCAM EMAILS** - over the past few weeks I have been aware that a number of people connected to church have had their emails hacked. The hackers have sent out emails, claiming to be from that person and with the correct email address, asking for money or vouchers to be sent to them for themselves or a relative. If you receive an email which you weren't expecting please phone the person concerned and ask whether this is right. I have recently one myself and even sent a new email to them and it went straight to the hackers. The only way of checking is to phone. If you don't have the person's number please do contact Rev Ruth or Canon Sandra and we will contact them ourselves. Please be very careful - hackers are very clever!

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL - 30th SEPTEMBER** - you will know by now that Baildon is once again running a Scarecrow Festival and the St John's is very much a part of it with exhibits both in the Church and the grounds. The Parish stall will also be open for people and we would like to be able to offer refreshments but we need your help in the following ways:-

- we need cakes or scones.
- We need volunteers to cover the 11am - 4pm opening of the Festival, at least two people for every hour.

There are sign up sheets at the back of church this morning in each church, sign up for the times you can offer and also if you able to bring a cake or scones.

We hope that the Festival will be a great success with many people involved and the offer of refreshments shows our hospitality to all come.

**HARVEST APPEAL** - This year's Harvest Appeal (which will last the whole of October, finishing at the Joint Service on the 29th October) will be for Action Aid, specifically their work in Morocco. ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty and has been present in Morocco for more than 20 years, working in collaboration with local partner organisations. Their local partner organisations are working to assess the earthquake's impact and the best way to respond, including conducting a needs assessment in Al Houz region, just south of Marrakech. In the immediate aftermath of this disaster, the priority will be to provide emergency support in the way of shelter, clothing and food to those who have lost their homes and are out on the streets. ActionAid is calling for our support to the affected regions.

There will be an opportunity to give a donation during the Harvest Festival services across the parish—St John's and St Hugh's on 1st October and St James's on the 8th. Details of other ways to donate will be provided next week.

**HARVEST BRING AND SHARE AT ST JOHN'S** - We are aiming to put on a Bring and Share Lunch after the Harvest Festival at St John's on 1st October, but we obviously need food! There is a list at the back of church for you to sign up indicating the food you will be bringing. If you want to bring something not on the list, great, just add it!

**ANDREW CRAWFORD** - We have all been shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the death of Andrew Crawford who, before Covid, played the organ regularly at St James's Church as well as across the parish. Since Covid he had enjoyed being one of the organists at Halifax Minister. There is a Memorial Service for Andrew which been arranged for Sunday 8th October at 4pm again at Halifax Minister.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** - Every Wednesday we offer coffee at St James's from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION** - The next midday communion at St James' will be on Wednesday 4th October.

**JULIAN MEETING** - There will be no meeting in September. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2.00 - 3.45pm at St James' Church. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

**ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB** - Next meeting will be Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm in St James' Lounge to look at Chapter 2 of the book 'God isn't finished with you yet' by Catherine Campbell. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. Do get in touch with Revd Ruth for more information.

**DEANERY SYNOD** - The next Deanery Synod meeting is on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm at St Michael's, Cottingley. We will be thinking about issues around Dementia and Alzheimer's. Admiral Nurses will be helping us with this, they specialise in this field. The evening is open to everyone, we all have people in our families and congregations struggling with these illnesses and I am sure the evening will be informative.

**FUNERAL OF JANINE BIRCH** – We were so sad to hear of the death of Janine Birch. We can now confirm that Janine's funeral will take place at St John's Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2pm, everyone is welcome to attend.

# Giving to the Parish

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