

St John's Church, Baildon



Baptism of
Sophia Elizabeth Grant
on
Sunday 22nd October 2023

Hymn

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace,
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

All are welcome, all are welcome,

**Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat.
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us;**

All are welcome, all are welcome,

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger**

All are welcome, all are welcome, ...

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.**

All are welcome, all are welcome,

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Collect or Special Prayer for Today

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:
strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

**You came to interpret and teach us effectively
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;
to glorify Jesus is all your activity
promise and gift of the Father and Son:**

Spirit of holiness...

**You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,
pouring your love on the church in her need;
you came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:**

Spirit of holiness...

**You came to the world in its pride and futility,
warning of dangers, directing us home;
now with us and in us, we welcome your company;
Spirit of Christ, in his name you have come:
 *Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
 wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:
 strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping
 Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!***

The Gospel

When the gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon - preached by Rev Canon Sandra Benham

Presentation of the Candidates

We are here today to give thanks for Sophia with her family and friends, and to support Vicky and Kevin in their responsibilities with prayer and love. God became one of us in Jesus, and understands all that surrounds the arrival and upbringing of children. It is God's purpose that children should know love within the stability of their home, grow in faith, and come at last to the eternal city where his love reigns supreme.

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Sophia. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support Sophia as she begins her journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and Godparents, you speak for Sophia today.

Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

P & G We will.

The Decision

The president addresses the parents and godparents.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

P & G I do.

Do you reject evil?

P & G I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P & G I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

P & G I do.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We move to the font.

Prayer over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All it is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, for your gift of water in creation,

All we give you thanks and praise.

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life,

All we give you thanks and praise.

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan

All we give you thanks and praise.

For your new creation brought to birth by water and the Spirit,

All we give you thanks and praise.

For your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins,

All we give you thanks and praise.

Father, accept our sacrifice of praise: may your holy and life-giving Spirit bless and move upon this water.

All Lord, receive our prayer.

Restore through this water the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church.

All Lord, receive our prayer.

Anoint Sophia with power from on high, and make him one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.

All Lord, receive our prayer.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

All Alleluia. Amen.

The Baptism

Sophia Elizabeth I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you Sophia from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

(Sophia's godparents are invited to dip their finger into the holy water and make the sign of the cross on her forehead)

Prayers of Intercession

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

Sophia is introduced to the congregation.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, Sophia 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.

Notices are given.

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 that peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn (during which a collection is taken for the work of the Parish.
The contactless giving machine is available at the back of Church if you would prefer to give in this way)

**By faith, we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design;
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand –
a place where peace and justice reign.**

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
'Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

**By faith, the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith, the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.**

We will stand as children of the promise

**By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name.**

We will stand as children of the promise

Preparation of the Table

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

With this bread that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring

All we shall remember Jesus.

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 only body, because we all share in one bread.

The 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

Before the Distribution the president says

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.**

Everyone is very welcome to receive bread and wine whether you have been confirmed or not. This part of the service is when we come together as family to receive God's gifts and to remember his love for us. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens.

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 the communion hymn

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;**

**he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,**

**he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.**

**No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;**

**be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Post Communion Prayer

The post-communion prayer 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.**

Hymn

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
 *Yours the glory and the crown,
 the high renown, the eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
 Yours the glory and the crown.....
Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
 *Yours the glory and the crown.....***

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
 *Yours the glory and the crown.....***

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
 *Yours the glory and the crown,
 the high renown, the eternal name.***

The Giving of a Candle

God has delivered us the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in Light. Sophia you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week - 29th October 2023

10.00am - Joint Parish Holy Communion at St John's

4.30pm - All Souls Service at St John's

REFRESHMENTS - Everyone is very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Hall after this service.

CLOCKS CHANGE - Don't forget that next Sunday the clocks go back one hour!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - At St John's we need people to help in our Sunday School. If you feel able to lead a session (only once a month) or be a helper please speak to Canon Sandra. Teaching our children is vital work so please do consider if you can help in this work. Resources are available each week so you don't have to think up ideas!

HARVEST APPEAL - This year's Harvest Appeal across the whole of October, finishing at the Joint Service on the 29th October, will be for the international charity ActionAid; specifically their work in Morocco with women and girls living in poverty. The charity has been present in Morocco for more than 20 years, working in collaboration with local partner organisations. These local partners are working to assess the earthquake's impact and the best way to respond, including conducting a needs assessment in Al Houz region. 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 on the streets. ActionAid is calling for our support to the affected regions. If you would like to give via BACS please use 'Harvest' as your reference. Text **BAILDONHARVEST** followed by your donation amount to **70085** to give that amount. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

ALL SOULS SERVICE - We will holding our annual All Souls Service this year on Sunday 29th October at 4.30pm at St John's Church. At the back of church there is a sheet to add the names of loved ones (in Capital Letters) you wish to be remembered at that service. Do come and use this service to remember them. If transport is a problem, please speak to a member of the clergy.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – On 12th November there will be a Civic Service at St John's Church at 1.00pm, followed by a parade down to the War Memorial for 2.30pm where there will be An Act of Remembrance for any who wish to take part. NB The morning service of Holy Communion at St John's will be at **9.30am** in order to accommodate the timings for the rest of the day.

DIAMOND ABBA TRIBUTE SHOW - Friday 24th November at 7.30pm (doors and Galilee bar open at 7.00pm). Come and hear professional singers Martin and Debbie Taylor perform their Neil Diamond and ABBA tributes in St John's Church Hall, ticket price of £10 includes a cheese platter supper. All proceeds raised go to Parish Funds, so please support this great event and have a fabulous night out at the same time. Loraine Radcliffe will sell tickets after this morning's service at coffee or alternatively give her a call on 07960 018025. Please note ticket sales are going really well so don't miss out.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER - As is our usual practice for the fifth Sunday of the month, we will be holding a joint Parish Communion Service at St John's at 10am. During this service we will commissioning Carolyn Gomersal as our Parish Nurse and Dawn Stevens, Regional Nurse Coordinator from Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be speaking to us. Do come and support Carolyn as she formally takes on her new role.

AN ADVENT COURSE - we are going to offer a short course as a time for reflection and conversation as we seek to deepen our spiritual life in preparation for Christmas. We will be running the course at St John's Church Hall on Tuesdays 21st and 28th November and 5th and 12th December. A simple soup lunch will be offered at 12 noon, followed by the course, starting at 1.15pm Everyone is most welcome.

PRAYER TREES - in the grounds of each of our churches in the parish we have a tree which you might like to use as we prepare for All Souls time and Remembrance. Anyone is welcome to attach words or a ribbon or lay flowers around the base of the tree in memory of a loved one, Resources are provided in the box if you need them.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Every Wednesday we offer coffee at St James's from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. The Parish Nurse will be available for drop in consultation.

OUR CHARITABLE GIVING - During 2024 we would like to add three new charities to those we support. Questionnaires are available for you to nominate a charity to be considered. Please complete a form by 29th October and return to back of church or hand in to one of the wardens at worship.

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 'Conserving and Sustaining'.

CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST – I'm sure, like me, you will have been shocked and saddened by events in the holy land. In response to this, St John's Church will be open on Wednesday 25th October from 5pm to 8pm for your prayers and reflection.

Giving to the Parish

You can help to **make a difference** to support the work of our parish. We've made it easier for you to help, you can now donate in more ways to suit you:



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