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Services next week in the Parish - 3rd December 2023 Advent Sunday

9.30am St Hugh's - Service of the Word

9.30am St John's - Holy Communion

4.15pm St John's - Christingle

Hymn

**O Lord God your many blessings
fill our hearts with thanks and praise:
may this earth with all its wonders
and the moments of our days
be used wisely for your glory
and to meet our neighbour's need;
Lord, so generous in giving,
save us all from selfish greed.**

**Lord, we thank you for forgiveness,
all you give us through your Son;
may we learn to be forgiving
and to pray 'Your will be done.'
Lord, inspire us with your Spirit
as we listen to your Word;
keep us open to fresh vision
of your will for all the world.**

**Bearing one another's burdens,
Lord, we gladly intercede
for our sisters and our brothers,
those in any kind of need;
may our giving and receiving
teach us how our love may grow,
till in serving one another
heav'nly joy we come to know.**

Hands outstretched receive communion.

**May your grace our lives renew;
we would offer our commitment,
all we think or say or do;
once again sent out with blessings
we would serve you evermore,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
whom we worship and adore.**

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

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 - Ephesians 1 15-23

At the end of the reading please respond

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.**

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

All Alleluia.

Here 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.

The Creed

Let us stand and declare our faith in God.

**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 'Lord hear us' would you please respond **'Lord graciously hear us'**. And at the end the response is

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Period of silent reflection

Father, in all things you are generous towards us,
yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you show us the way of humility, yet we have given reluctantly;
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,
yet we have loved grudgingly;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We welcome the children from their worship and the notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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.

Hymn during which a collection will be taken for the work of the Parish.
Contactless giving is also available as you leave church.

**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 be yours,' he said .**

This is our God

**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

**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

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

All Blessed be 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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

Created in God's image, and by his love,
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 the 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, after the anthem. please join in with singing the hymn,

Hymn

**My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.**

**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer is said

**All Here at your table, loving and righteous God,
we know your boundless generosity exceeds
all that we can desire or deserve:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The children share their work.

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,

Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS - Do join us in the Hall after the service.

HELP PLEASE! - After the service it would be great if people could help with setting up the Christmas trees on the stage in the Hall, so that Father Christmas and all who visit him will enjoy the Winter Wonderland!

BAILDON AT CHRISTMAS - As in previous years this is a major fundraising weekend. There are several things that we need to collect to make the event a success. We are looking for:

- Luxury items for the raffle
- Prizes for both the bottle and normal tombolas
- Cakes to be sold on the cake stall (this year cakes for the refreshments will be provided through other sources)

There are boxes at the back of all church to receive donations with a separate box for the raffle hamper. We are looking for volunteers on both dates to help out on the stalls. Please do sign up on the sheet at church.

**Christmas Fair dates in your diary;
Saturday 2nd December 10.00 - 3.30pm
Sunday 3rd December 11.00 - 4.00pm.
St John's Church and Church Hall**

There will be stalls selling plants, candles, cakes, Christmas wreaths and jigsaw puzzles. We will have games and prizes and a chance to win a luxury hamper. Father Christmas will be in his winter wonderland to hear your Christmas wishes. Visit our Christmas cafe selling bacon sandwiches, current teacakes, homemade soup, jacket potatoes and, on the Sunday, Yorkshire puddings filled with roast beef, roast potatoes and onion gravy (vegetarian option available). Of course we won't miss out the mince pies, cakes, biscuits with hot and cold drinks.

CHRISTINGLE - The next Family Service is our Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd December at 4.15pm which will be followed by the turning on of Baildon Christmas lights. In the morning, the service at St John's will be at 9.30am. During the Christingle service there will be a collection for the work of The Children's Society.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - helps children and young people realise their futures by being there when no one else is. It gives them practical support as well as hope. Opportunities to make donations towards the work of this charity will be at the Christingle Service, at a Chocolate Coffee Morning in March and through payments directly into the Parish account (codes for this to follow). January 2024 will be the last time that Jennifer Marsh will be collecting in home collection boxes having supported the Society in this way for 30 years. To make a BACS payment into the Parish Account please quote the reference CHSOC.

TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING - do come along to this festive evening of Christmas choral music with carols for all to sing, on Saturday 9 December at 7.30pm at St John's Church. We look forward to welcoming the St Peter's Singers of Leeds with their director Alexander Woodrow. Tickets are £10 from the website <https://stpeters-singers.org.uk/event/to-hear-the-angels-sing-2/> or pick up a flyer at church for the QR code. Refreshments will be served.

AN ADVENT COURSE - we are going to offer times for reflection and conversation as we seek to deepen our spiritual life in preparation for Christmas. We will be using reflections in the book 'At Home in Advent'

by Gordon Giles meeting at St John's Church Hall on Tuesdays 28th November and 5th and 12th December. A simple soup lunch will be offered at 12 noon, starting our reflections at 1.15pm. If you are thinking about coming there is a sign up sheet at the back of church today. If you need help getting hold of a book, please get in touch with Ruth. Everyone is most welcome.

‘STICK WITH LOVE: Rejoicing in every tongue, every tribe, every nation.’ Bishop Arun Arora, Bishop for the Leeds area of our Diocese is the author of this new book. May be you aren’t available to meet up in the afternoon for conversation. I will be at The Halfway House on the Otley Road, 20.00 - 21.00 on Tuesdays 5, 12 and 19 December if you would like to meet up for a drink and a chat about this book. Ruth

MESSY CHURCH - will take place on Sunday 10th December at 4pm in St John’s Church Hall. All families are welcome.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - Resources on the theme of ‘Remembering and Approaching’ will be sent out by email on Sunday 26th November. These are our final words on our theme of ‘...ing’ words we have been looking at during the year. They focus on some of our reflection and preparations we make over the winter. We will then be gathering at St James’ Church on Sunday 10th December at 6pm for a time to craft and share in seasonal refreshments. 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 ruthjeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Everyone is welcome to join us in the wonderful and peaceful setting of St James’s Church, Kirklands, every Wednesday 10.00am -12 noon.

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