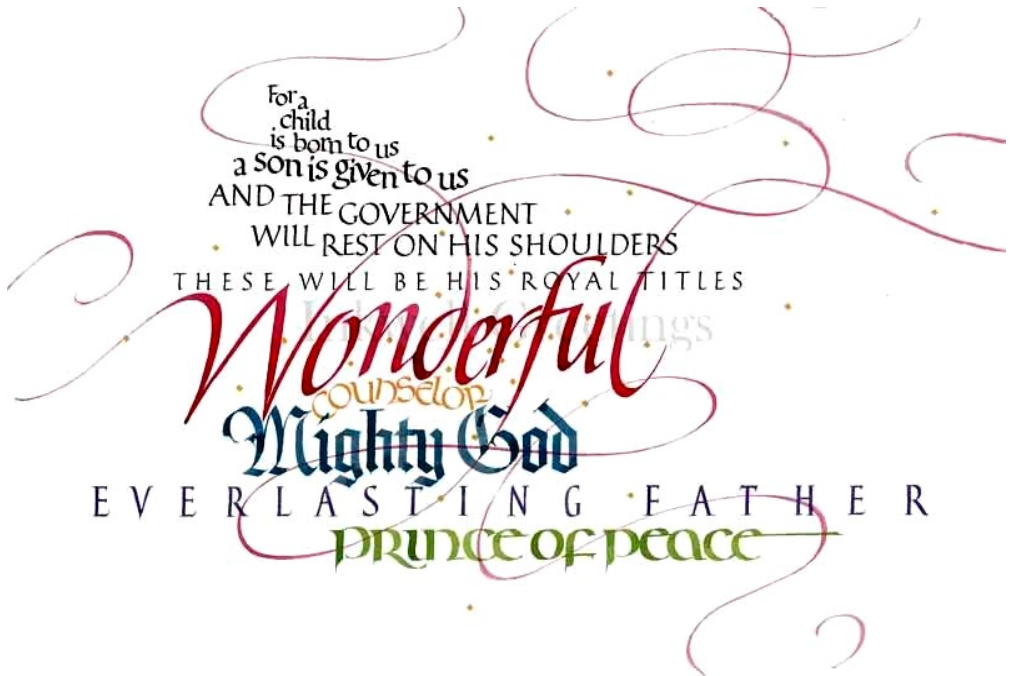




The Parish of Baildon



Joint Parish Communion at St Hugh's Church

31st December 2023

Welcome

Carol

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing:
yonder shines the infant Light!

Come and worship.....

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.

Come and worship

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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

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.

The Collect

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading - Galatians 4:4-7. *At the end of the reading:*

All For the gift of your holy word.
Thanks be to God.

Carol

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of prayers

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

As we kneel with the shepherds before the new born Christ child,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive
our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall
be called the Prince 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.

Carol (*during which the collection will be taken*)

**I cannot tell why he whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Beth'lem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.**

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world is king!'

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you
embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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, 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

God is with us, and 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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

The president gives the invitation to communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Everyone at this service is very welcome to come forward and receive the bread and wine. Please follow the direction of the Churchwardens. Do join in with the singing of the carol below. 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.**

Communion Hymn

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Carol

**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.**

The Dismissal

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those whom you love, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week - 7th January 2024

8.30am - Holy Communion at St John's

9.30am- Service of the Word at St Hugh's

10.00am - Family Worship at St John's

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - do join us for coffee on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 from 10.00-12noon. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION - at St James' Church is on Wednesday 3rd January. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER CHARITABLE GIVING - Shelter supports people fighting for their right to a safe home. More people are struggling in temporary accommodation or being forced onto the streets. When making a BACS donation to Shelter through the Parish Bank Account please quote the reference SHELTER. This will giving will close on Sunday 13th January 2024.

NOTICES - in the future please could all notices to go on the Sunday service sheets be sent to Sarah Baxter at sarah.baxter@parishofbaildon.uk. The sheets are printed on a Thursday so please make sure that your notice arrives in plenty of time.



Community Development Worker at St James's Church Hub, Baildon

Are you a people person?

Do you share our vision to build up community and empower people?

Are you able to encourage volunteers?

If so, we could have the job for you!

We are looking to appoint a part-time Community Worker based in St James's Church Hub, Kirklands Lane, Baildon, BD17 6HH. The post is for 16 hours a week, initially until April 2025.

Rate of pay – £12- £13 per hour dependent on experience and qualifications

Closing date – Friday 12th January 2024

Interview date – Thursday 18th January 2024

For more information please email sandrabenham@btinternet.com
or for an informal chat please phone Sandra Benham on 01274 589005.

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.

VIA THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME



You can now set up easy and safe regular giving which provides maximum benefit to the Parish. Join the Parish Giving Scheme by calling: 0333 002 1271 quoting the Parish Reference: 460646042, Baildon St John, Diocese of Leeds. Alternatively ask for a form in church.

VIA JUST GIVING



Hover over the code with your phone camera to reach our Just Giving page. You can donate this way, or maybe even start your own fundraising campaign for us?



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BY BACS to Baildon Parochial Church Council:

Account number: 80028819 Sort code: 20-11-81

BY CHEQUE to:

Parish Treasurer, Richard Nicholas, 11 High Fold, Baildon, BD17 6LE
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Thank you for your support!