



Parish of  
**BAILDON**  
St Hugh St John St James



**WELCOME TO OUR  
SERVICE FOR  
MOTHERING SUNDAY!**

**10th March 2024**

## **Welcome, notices and Banns of Marriage**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Praise God who loves us

**All Praise God who cares for us.**

### **Hymn**

*All our blessings, all our joys  
with thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
accept the praise we bring.*

**For parents and for children,  
for partners and for friends,  
for those whose care enfolds us  
with love that never ends.**

*All our blessings, all our joys ....*

**For fellowship and friendship  
for all we have to give,  
for those who've shared our journey  
and taught us how to live.**

*All our blessings, all our joys .....*

**For all who've shared our sorrow,  
walked with us in our pain,  
who've held our hand through darkness  
and showed us light again.**

*All our blessings, all our joys .....*

**In sacrifice and service  
Your love is clearly shown,  
Your outstretched arms embrace us  
to bring us safely home.**

*All our blessings, all our joys*

Today, Mothering Sunday, we not only thank our mothers for all they do for us, but also thank others who have supported us, including God.

(The paschal candle is lit)

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

We look at our world in spring

**All And we praise you, God, for signs of new life.**

We look at those who love us

**All and we praise you, God, for friends and family.**

We look at our church family around us

**All and we praise you, God, that you are with us in prayers and readings, in thoughts and words, in actions and laughter and song.**

Bless this morning as we share it with you.

**All Amen.**

## **Saying Sorry to God**

Loving God, you love us as good parents love their children. When we have not loved you:

**All forgive us.**

When we have not given our parents the love they have shown to us:

**All forgive us.**

When we have been angry with our brothers and sisters and other members of our family:

**All forgive us.**

When the example we have set before our children has been less than perfect:

**All forgive us.**

When we say sorry to God, he forgives us for those things we have done wrong and helps us to be better people in the future through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **At the heart of love is giving!**

### **Reading - John 3:14-16**

#### **Hymn**

**Come on and celebrate  
His gift of love, we will celebrate  
The Son of God who loved us  
And gave us life.  
We'll shout your praise, O King,  
You give us joy nothing else can bring,  
We'll give to you our offering  
In celebration praise.**

**Come on and celebrate,  
Celebrate,  
Celebrate and sing,  
Celebrate and sing to the King.  
Come on and celebrate,  
Celebrate,  
Celebrate and sing,  
Celebrate and sing to the King.**

#### **Baptism Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
N and 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.**

**Choir anthem** - I am a small part of the world by Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

#### **Love is on our heart!**

#### **Prayers**

We finish our prayers by saying together 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.

## **Distribution of Flowers**

O God bless these flowers and bless our mothers. May these flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us and may they remind our mothers that we love them. Help us to always remember that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children.

**All** Amen.

*At the end of distribution, all mothers are invited to stand as we say*

**All** Thank you God for the love of our mothers; thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn** (during which the collection will be taken. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way)

**We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching Oh  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching Oh  
We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are living in the love of God...**

**We are moving in the power of God...**

## The Blessing

May the love of the Father fill our hearts;  
May the love of the Lord Jesus fill our homes;  
And may the grace of the Holy Spirit bind us  
together in love in our families and communities.  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit be among you, and remain with you, and with those whom you  
love and pray for, this day and always.

**All Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, both young and old,  
go in the peace of Christ!

**All Thanks be to God.**

## NOTICES

### Services next week 17th March 2024

8.30am - Holy Communion at St John's  
9.30am - Holy Communion at St Hugh's  
10.00 - Holy Communion at St John's  
4.00pm - Messy Church at St John's

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

**EASTER DAY** - All the service for Holy Week are in the Lent Booklet but just a reminder that on Easter Sunday (31st March) we have our main 10am Easter Communion Service. From 11.30am there will be Easter crafts for the children while parents have a coffee. At 12 noon we will be parading around St John's grounds wearing our Easter bonnets! Then there will be a special present and card to take home and enjoy!!

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - We are now reviewing our Electoral Roll to make sure it is up to date and everyone who is a member of the Parish, over 16 years of age and baptised is on the Roll. If you have never been asked then there is a form to complete and returned to either the Electoral Roll Officer (Carol Jennings) or to Canon Sandra. Please do check on the list at the back of church to make sure that you are on the list.

**GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE** - we will again be opening St John's Church from 10am - 1pm for people to engage with the Pilgrimage, giving them a space to think about the events of Holy Week. We do need

volunteers to staff this - two or three for each hour. If you are able to help in this way, there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

**DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL** - Thank you very much to all who contributed towards a public access defibrillator to be sited at St James. Thanks to the support of the church congregations, local community, small businesses and Baildon Town Council, we are able to purchase a fully automatic defib, pay for fitting and have a contingency fund for replacement components and upkeep. So the funding appeal is now closed. Next steps are Diocesan permission and site visit, aiming to have the defib in situ asap. Your gift is potentially life saving. Thank you! Carolyn (Parish Nurse).

**TRIBUTE NIGHTS** - In November 2023 and February 2024 Loraine organised two very successful Tribute nights in the parish which were well supported and enjoyed. However, it has been discovered that the previously published total for the November night was incorrect, for which I apologise, but I am still delighted to say that it raised £959.21. The February night raised a great total of £927.90. We are grateful to Loraine for her hard work.

**LENT LUNCHESES** - As in previous years, Baildon churches are offering a simple lunch during Lent. The dates and venue are in the Lent booklet.

**MESSY CHURCH** - our next Messy Church session is Sunday 17th March at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. All families welcome.

**JAR OF GRACE FOR UNICEF** - Once again this year our Lent appeal is for the work of UNICEF. They say on their website 'UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. And we never give up.' I am sure, like me, you think this is invaluable work and so we are using their Jar of Grace Appeal to raise funds for their work. We will collect these in on Easter Sunday and in April.

**APCM** - Our annual meeting is on 8th April at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall and everyone is welcome. We will review 2023 and look forward to the coming year. We also elect people to take positions in the church. This year, Sheila Matthews's 6-year term of office comes to end as Churchwarden. We need someone to take on this role so please do think and pray about whether this might be something you could offer. Please don't think, well nobody asked me, this is my invitation as Vicar of Baildon, to you to think and pray about whether this is something for you. If you want to know more please speak to Ian, Sheila and myself.

At the APCM we will also be inviting people to come onto the PCC of the

Parish. This is governing body of the Church and it is therefore important that we have representatives of the three churches. All three churches currently have vacancies so please do think and pray about whether you might serve the parish in this way. People serve for three years at a time.

**PARISH BOOK GROUP** - The book group meets on the last Monday each month in St James's lounge from 2-3.30pm. We are a small friendly group who read and discuss a wide variety of book genres and share favourite book titles and authors. If you would like to join us or find out more please contact Alison Boggie or Madeleine Sheen.

**CHOCOLATE COFFEE MORNING** - Everyone is welcome to our Chocolate Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd March, 10am 12 noon at St James's Church. There will be a Chocolate Tombola, cake stall and a raffle. All money raised is for The Children's Society.

**JULIAN MEETING** – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. 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.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** - Do join us from 10am to 12 noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

## 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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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.

**BY BACs** to Baildon Parochial Church Council:  
Account number: 80028819 Sort code: 20-11-81

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Parish Warden, Ian Ibbotson, 14 Heaton Drive, Baildon, BD17 5PH  
For BACS/cheque, please add reference: *Donation or Planned Giving*

*Thank you for your support!*