



## St John's Parish Church



Family Service—Living in community

Sunday 7th April 2024

10.00am

# Welcome, Introduction and Banns of Marriage

## 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, ....*

## **A gathering prayer**

**Generous God, who shares our life,  
pouring out the Spirit of Jesus,  
open our hearts and hands to reach out  
to one another, and to those we live or work among  
in caring and service, love and compassion. Amen.**

## **Saying sorry to God**

Risen Lord Jesus We are your disciples, though we have doubted  
and denied you, and closed our eyes to faith you call us again to  
forgiveness *(hands over eyes)*

**All You call us to forgiveness**

We bring our confessions to one another and to you... where we  
have made you a stumbling block, not a building block for  
community *(fists on top of each other)*

**All You call us to forgiveness**

Where we have used your name for dividing, excluding and  
accusing, not uniting and healing or calling together *(hands  
together in front of you, then pulled wide apart)*

**All You call us to forgiveness**

Where we have cut off from others, and in doing so, disconnected  
from your living power and fruitfulness *(arms folded across chest)*

**All You call us to forgiveness**

Where we have made many rules and neglected the one common liberating law of love (*hands cupped together in front*)

**All You call us to forgiveness**

Open our eyes to see you again

**All Risen and Real**

Open our ears to your words of grace

**All Releasing and Restoring**

Open our lives to follow you afresh

**All Repentant and Ready.**

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

**All Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Reading** - Acts 4:32-35

## **Hymn**

**A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.**

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**Prayer Stations** - We have set up prayer stations around the church for you to use this morning for your own personal prayers as we reflect on what it means to live a Christian life in community.

**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.**

# The Welcome

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

**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)

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

## **The Blessing**

Lord, your generous love was showered upon us in Jesus.  
Help us to be generous to those among whom we live or meet.  
Guide us in building and becoming a generous community,  
as we seek to put our faith into action.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be  
with you and remain with you, and with those whom you love,  
this day and always.

**All Amen.**

Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to proclaim the  
mighty acts of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

<b>Words</b>	<b>Listen to the story and tick or make a mark each time you hear the words:</b>
shared	
needed	
everyone	
everything	

## NOTICES

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** - Everyone is welcome to join us at St James' Church lounge for coffee and a chat from 10am - 12noon every week.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** - Our annual meeting when we think about the year that has gone and look forward into 2024 is on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend. All of the paperwork that is needed for this meeting is now on display at the back of Church. This includes the Annual Report and Accounts for 2023 and the minutes of the last annual meeting in 2023.

**GIRLS BRIGADE ENGLAND AND WALES** - is our parish charity for April. Girls' Brigade has been in existence for 130 years "to help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life". Over 450 groups meet each week; 2000 leaders working with around 9000 girls (and some boys) to fulfil this aim. After the service at St John's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Carol Brown will have a table with information about Girls' Brigade together with baked goods and some items made by the girls of 2<sup>nd</sup> Halifax company, for which any financial donations will be welcomed. Please help by giving via BACS through the Parish account with the reference GBRIG or give by text.

Text GIRLSBRIGADE followed by your donation amount to 70085 to give that amount. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message. Thank you for supporting the charity of the month.

**JULIAN MEETING** – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 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.



Pray for those we love and for those who feel unloved.



Those who are cold and for charity shops and their volunteers.



The homeless and homeless charities.



Pray for your own worries and concerns, your future and those around you.



An end to war, for peace, for the innocent caught up in conflict.



For the hungry, those who use foodbanks, those who provide food banks.



Anyone who is sad or angry, for world issues and injustice.

### 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.

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

#### BY CHEQUE to:

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!*