

St John's Church, Bieldon



Family Communion Service

Sunday 3rd November 2024

10.00am

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**God is love— his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him.**

*Sing aloud, loud, loud!
sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good, God is truth,
God is beauty—praise him!*

**None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
seek him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation.**

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

**Jesus lived on the earth,
hope and life brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us.**

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

**To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.**

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

We Say sorry

Holy God, parent of us all, we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving.

There are times when we insist on getting our own way, despite what others feel.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving.

Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to be seeking to make peace.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving.

Often we say things which hurt each other.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving

For our jealousy, our lack of respect, and times when we won't listen to those we live with.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving.

And because we sometimes just get bored with each other.

All Lord God, forgive us, And help us to be more loving.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive you your sins and know that you live in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

What have we learnt to do?

Reading - Mark 12 28 - 31

What's THE MOST IMPORTANT THING we learn?

Hearts show love! Everyone was given a wooden heart when they came into church. Everyone is invited to write God's love on one side and on the other side write or draw those we love and those who love us. Children were also given stickers which they might like to put on the hearts.

Prayers

For our prayers you are invited to hold up our hearts and pray for those on our hearts, those you love and pray and give thanks to God for those who love you.

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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 by shaking each other's hand with the words 'Peace be with 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)*

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite his grace—
emptied himself of all but love,**

and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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.

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.

All Holy,
Holy.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

All Holy,
Holy.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

All Holy,
Holy.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

All Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen,

All Amen.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen,

All Amen.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen,

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

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 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

Everyone here this morning is very welcome to come and receive bread and wine, it doesn't matter if you haven't been confirmed, everyone is welcome. Please come forward at the direct of the Church Wardens. 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.**

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**

After the anthem please join in with the singing of the hymn

**There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
holy One.**

***Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Son of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.**

Thank you, O my Father,

**When I stand in glory
I will see his face
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.**

Thank you, O my Father,

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

**O God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,.....

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,.....

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may he smile on you and be gracious to you; may he look your way and give you peace and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you and with and those whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET - We are hoping to run our Christmas Market this year as usual on Saturday 30th November from 10 - 2pm in the Church Hall. **BUT** in order to do this we need a lot of help which if we don't get we may not be able to run it. There is a list at the back of all churches for you to sign up for various times and jobs that we need to cover. These include some one to take on the organising and running of the Tombola stall (last year we had two including a bottle tombola which was very popular) and some one to take responsibility for organising and help run the cake stall.

There are other jobs including helping on Friday to set up tables etc, help on Saturday from 2 - 4pm setting up the tables for Sunday as well staffing other stalls.

I can not reinforce this enough that if, by the 6th November we haven't got enough help then we won't be able to run the Christmas Market, so please do sign up what you can offer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - From Sunday 17th November we are going to do Sunday School a little differently. The children will meet in the Church Hall, have a story and complete some activity sheets, all of which will be provided. But again, our numbers of helpers has got very low and we do need volunteers to take responsibility to help in Sunday School. There will be no preparation, the story will be provided along with the activity sheets. Please do consider whether you might give even one Sunday a half-term to this really important work in the Church's life.

GIVING - At our recent joint service last we looked at our giving across the parish, which currently doesn't meet our expenditure - we are £57,000 in deficit. There is information available to show this in more detail. Clearly this is not sustainable and we really need help in making our budget balance. As Christians the Church of England suggests that we consider giving a monthly donation of 5% of our net income. Obviously the amount you give is up to you and this is a guide. If you are able to make a monthly gift it would be great if you were able to do this using the Parish Giving Scheme (leaflets are available at the back of church). If you need any help or want to talk this through please speak to myself or Sara Daniel.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - is Sunday 10th November. This year at St John's will be holding a service at 10.30am which will be our Civic Act of Remembrance. During this service we will join with the country in pausing at 11am to remember those who have given their lives, or who have been injured, in wars past and present. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this service.

JOYCE HOOD - It was with sadness that we received the news of Joyce's death. She was a faithful and active member of the parish community, worshipping at St Hugh's for many years. Her funeral will take place at Shay Grange Crematorium on Wednesday 6th November at 11.15am, followed by refreshments at Northcliffe Golf Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce's family at this time and all who will miss her.

MESSY CHURCH - Our next Messy Church session is Sunday 17th November. We meet at 4pm in St John's Church Hall, all families welcome.

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES - is our charity of the month for November. MSF teams of doctors act fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics in over 70 countries of the world. In a conflict, MSF doctors don't take sides. They go where the medical need is greatest. They provide free medical care, regardless of a person's ethnicity, religion or politics. MSF is mainly funded by donations from the public; rarely by governments. And so MSF is free to act fast to get to the front line in a crisis. MSF is currently working in many places including Gaza, Lebanon and Ukraine. You can make a donation towards the work of MSF by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference MEDSAN.

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS During the season of preparation for Christmas which can be busy, it is good to set time aside to meet together to reflect on waiting for the birth of Jesus. This year we will be reading the book '**Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear**' by Rachel Mann. There is a short passage for each day, with a prayer and a few questions to ponder. We are planning to meet as a group on Tuesdays over a simple lunch, with another opportunity to drop-in at the Halfway House on Tuesday evenings, 8.30-9.30pm. Precise detail to be announced soon. If you would like a copy of the book costing £10.99, please let Revd Ruth know by Monday 18 November. It also comes as an ebook.

CHRISTINGLE - Our Christingle Service this year is on Sunday 1st December at 4.15pm at St John's Church. During this service everyone is encouraged to make a donation to the work of the Children's Society. This year the Society have produced some lovely collecting candles, which are available at the back of church for you to use. In the Parish the Children's Society is our charity for January so please return these

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
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