



St John's Parish Church, Baildon

Act of Remembrance



Sunday 10th November 2024

10.30am

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded,
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand,
joy doth wait for his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**

GREETING

In the light of Christ, we welcome you to this service as we gather in hope and pray for the ending of all violence and bloodshed.

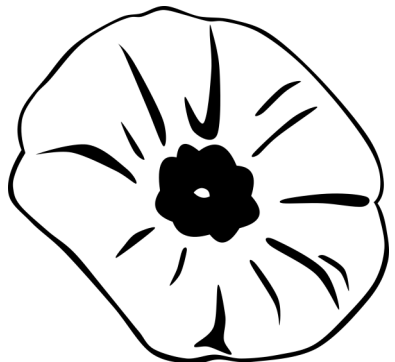
All **May the peace of Christ burn in our hearts and dawn on our world.**

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46.1)

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.



ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

When we fail to learn from the past

All Lord, have mercy

When we let national and personal interests blind us to the suffering of the world.

All Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the cost of the freedom we enjoy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All Amen.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Listening for the word from God

A reading from the Book of Micah 4:1-5, 6:6-8

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Once we had dreams, dreams of a new beginning
when we had fought the war to end all war;
a world of peace, where people live in freedom,
a world where justice reigns for evermore.
And yet, and yet, each year as we remember
we know too well how subtly dreams can fade.**

**In this out world where peace is often fragile,
where war and hatred grip, where children die,
too easily our hearts are dulled to suffering,
our ears are deafened to the hopeless cry;
we fail to grasp the call to be peace-makers,
we act in fear and let the vision fade.**

**Still we need dreams; O God, make us your dreamers,
in flame our passion for a world made whole,
a world where love extends to all a welcome,
where justice, like a powerful stream, will roll.
Come, Prince of Peace, our fading hope rekindle,
'Your Kingdom come' we pray, let peace be made.**

The Gospel reading

A reading from the Gospel of John 15: 9-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Choir Anthem For the Fallen by Peter Irving

REMEMBERING

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm We will remember them.

THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST

TWO MINUTE SILENCE

THE SOUNDING OF THE REVEILLE

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn *during which the collection will be taken for the work of this Parish.
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)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.....

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts....

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.....

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

SERMON

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us pray to Almighty God for the needs of the world.

As a response to our prayers we will be singing the chorus below, you are invited to join in with the choir.

**Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

We join together in 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.

Hymn

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

We respond by laying a wreath in St George's Chapel, the place which holds the names of those killed during the First and Second World Wars from Baildon.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

We pray together

All Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness light;
where there is sadness joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious King
long live our noble King
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, and with those who you
love and pray for this, this day and always.

All Amen

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week—17th November 2024

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's (traditional language)
9.30am Holy Communion at St Hugh's
10.00am Holy Communion at St John's
4.00pm Messy Church at St John's

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 will meet as a group on Tuesdays 26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec, 12 noon - 2.00pm over a simple lunch in the Lounge at St James. There will also be another chance to drop-in at the Halfway House on Tuesday evenings, 8.30—9.30pm. 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.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - Resources on the themes of 'A time to seek and to lose' and 'A time to keep and to throw away' will be sent out by email and the craft box will be available outside St James' Church from Monday 18th November. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 24th November at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. 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 if you would like to know more and receive resources.

JULIAN MEETING- The November meeting of the Julian Group is cancelled. The final meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 18th December in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

DAVID CROWTHER- It was with sadness that we received the news of David's death. He was a faithful and active member of the parish community, worshipping at St James' for many years. His funeral will take place at St James' on Wednesday 20th November at 1.45pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine and the family at this time and with everyone who will miss him.

MESSY CHURCH - our next Messy Church session is on Sunday 17th November 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.

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 at the Christingle Service or during the month of January.

OUR CHARITABLE GIVING – There are three possible spaces to refresh our parish portfolio of charities for our financial giving in 2025. Questionnaires are available for you to nominate a charity to be considered. Please complete a form by Sunday 17th November and return to a warden on duty at worship.

CHRISTMAS MARKET – With thanks to all those who have volunteered, I'm delighted to say that we will be holding our annual Christmas Market on Saturday 30th November in St John's Church Hall from 10am to 2pm. **NOW WE NEED DONATIONS!** From Sunday 17th November there will be boxes at the back of each church to receive prizes for the bottle tombola and usual tombola and hamper items for the luxury raffle. We would be pleased to receive donations of cakes on Friday 29th November in the Church Hall. We hope you will be able to join us for this annual event.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - We are really excited to tell you about a new event in our parish. The Christmas Tree Festival will take place at St John's for three weekends during Advent. The church will be full of trees and lights, entertainment and music from choirs and bands. Local groups, organisations and businesses will be decorating a tree themed around their activity. The church will be beautifully light with hundreds of twinkling lights. There will also be a Mouse Hunt for the children and Guess the Bear's name to win a very big brown bear, plus a festive café and the Parish Stall. Best of all, this very festive event is FREE! Programmes will be available for £3. The Festival runs on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, Friday 6th to Sunday 8th and 13th to 15th December. Opening times are: Friday/Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sundays 12 noon to 4pm. Tell your friends and neighbours!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL HELPERS - Are you interested in helping us with the Festival? We would like volunteers for two roles: Welcome Table to sell programmes (seated) and Festive Café staff (preparing and selling hot/cold drinks and mince pies). There are two-hour slots to fill over the three weekends in December. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you'd like to join the Festival crew. Thank you in advance.

BELLOWS BAUBLES AND BELLS – Bradford Accordion Band will be joining us on Saturday 14th December at 2pm in the Church for an afternoon of festive entertainment. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Loraine Radcliffe and IN any of the churches after service. There will be a raffle, and refreshments will be available during the interval.