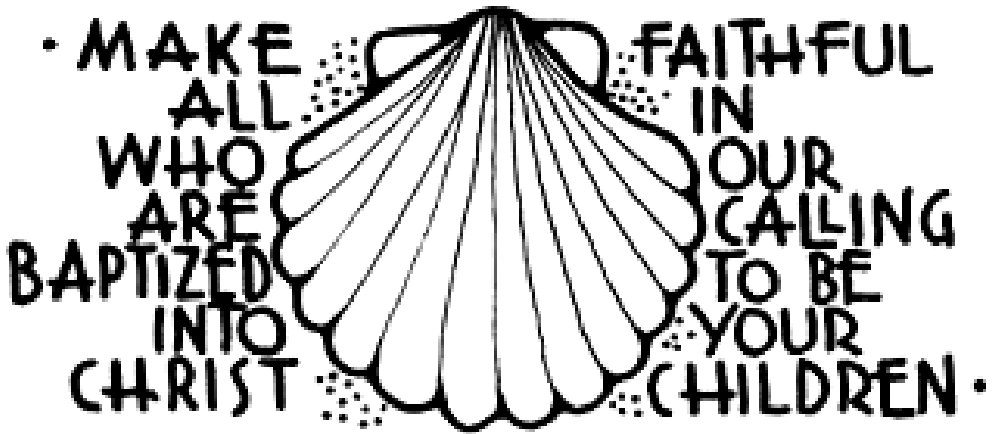




St John's Church, Baildon



**Eucharist on the Festival
of the Baptism of Christ with
Renewal of Baptism Vows**

on

Sunday 12th January 2025

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord of glory be with you

All The Lord bless you.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

All and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

All and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

All and I will be your God.

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.

The Collect

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Lord in your mercy' would you please respond '**hear our prayer**'.

At the end

Merciful Father

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

Act of penitence and dedication

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by find delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.

We meet therefore as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant and our baptism promises which bind us to God. Let us seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim on us.

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

Silence is kept

All Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. Make in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit. Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

I invite you to affirm the words of faith into which you were baptised.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

The water is poured into the bowl with these words

God in Christ give us water welling up for eternal life, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptised in you.

All Blessed be God.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church.

All Alleluia. Amen.

'Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride. 'Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it'. May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

You might like to renew your baptism promises now by signing yourself with the sign of the cross either on your forehead or on your palms. If you are worshipping with others you may like to put the sign of cross on each others forehead or palms maybe saying the words 'I remember and renew today my baptism promises'.

The Peace

God has made us one Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

If you are sharing worship with someone else you may like to share a sign of God's peace with them. We will share together after this service in coffee on zoom.

Preparation of the Table

Taking the Bread and Wine

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptised into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All Amen.

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 him 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 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

Believing the promises of God, 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

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.

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

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory: 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.

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services next week—19th January 2024

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

REFRESHMENTS There is tea or coffee available in the Hall after this service.

MESSY CHURCH our next Messy Church session will be on Sunday 19th January at 4.00pm. We meet in the hall and all families are welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

CAROLYN AND NIC, Parish Nursing Service wish you a healthy 2025. A reminder that a drop in clinic runs at St James most Wednesdays in term time 10-12pm or contact for a home visit on 07735297966 or nurse@parishofbaildon.uk Support with short or long term conditions, disease prevention and management, medication advice, blood pressure and weight monitoring, listening, advocacy, signposting and prayer are offered. The service is accredited by Parish Nursing Ministries UK, works alongside NHS colleagues and is free of charge, confidential and available to those of all faiths or none. If you, or someone you know could benefit, we look forward to working with you towards optimal health in body, mind and spirit in 2025.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY helps children and young people realise their futures by being there when no one else is. We know that there is a mental health and wellbeing crisis among children and young people in need. The Children's Society offers listening and encouragement to enable them to reach their goals. This is our charity of the month for January. You can make a donation by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference CHNSOC. You may also have Christingle collection candles at home which you can return to worship this month.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP 2025 Bradford's year as City of Culture has started! What other theme could we have this year, when all kinds of creative and imaginative events and activities are going to be taking place in and around celebrating Bradford and the metropolitan district. During January we will be thinking about 'The Culture Shock of Change'. An email with resources and the craft box outside St James' Church will be available from Sunday 19th January. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 26th January at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy art or crafting 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 on ruthjeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive resources.

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB – will meet on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm in St James' Lounge to look at Part 3 – Greed; chapters 7 and

8 from our book 'The Power of Imperfection' by Ruth Scott. If you would like to join the group please get in touch with Revd Ruth.

JULIAN MEETING The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS I am delighted to say that all the events and services over Christmas were extremely success and my thanks go to everyone who worked so hard in making this happen. We have now had a chance to bank all the money raised both from the Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Festival.

Christmas at Baildon Weekend which includes the Christmas Market and Sunday stalls raised £2,675.69.

The Christmas Tree Festival was raised £2,404.87.

Both these amounts are amazing and give testament to a large of hard work by a lot of people, my sincere thanks go to everyone who helped in any way.