

# An order of service

for Christian Aid Week

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years

## Holding hope in her hands.



**'I give my life to  
my neighbours,  
sharing my  
knowledge.'**

Aurelia

The climate crisis is ravaging the farms of indigenous communities in Guatemala. As plants die, food becomes scarce. But with specialist training, Aurelia's leading her community to grow resilient crops, conserve water and make fertiliser.

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## Welcome and notices

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
'till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was magnified  
for every sin on him was laid,  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
'till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

## **Gathering Prayer**

**All** Creator God, you made the world, and it is good.  
The trees, mountains, rivers, and seas.  
The birds, lions, ants, and bees.  
Creator God, you made us to care for the world  
and for all people.  
Our planet is hurting. Many people are hurting.  
Help us do what we can to bring healing to your creation  
and your people. Amen.

## **Saying Sorry**

Let us sit or kneel as we turn to the God who can transform what we offer. Lord God as we hear about our sisters and brothers who do not have everything that we have and live in very hard conditions, help us to now ask your forgiveness when we have been ungrateful for what we have and not thought of others.

**All** We confess now our failure in relationship. We have hidden your justice and equity in our greed and selfishness. We have not loved one another. We have not remained in your love. We all need to change. We ask your forgiveness.

May our compassionate God, who makes all things new, forgive you and renew you, draw us all close and warm our hearts.

**All** Amen.

**Introducing Aurelia** holding hope in her hands

**Reading** Romans 15 v 13

**‘Hope as having two beautiful daughters: anger and courage.’**

## **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.

You are now invited to bring up the front of church your financial donation to the work of Christian Aid. With your order of service you were given an envelope for your donation. Please complete the information if you are UK tax payer and want Christian Aid to claim the tax from your donation. This gives them an extra £0.25p in every pound you donate.

## **Hymn**

**He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got Aurelia and her family  
He's got Aurelia and her family  
He's got Aurelia and her family  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got the people of Guatemala  
He's got the people of Guatemala  
He's got the people of Guatemala  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got everybody here in his hands.  
He's got everybody here in his hands.  
He's got everybody here in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**Prayers** around the Church this morning we have placed several prayer stations. You are now invited to walk around the Church stopping at each station, reading about Aurelia and the people of Guatemala and praying at each station using the resources available.

If you would prefer to stay in your seat, we invite you to look at the poster on the front cover and talk or think about the following questions:

1. What do you think Aurelia is doing? 2. What is she holding in her hands? 3. What do you think Aurelia is feeling (and why do you think that)? 4. Why does Aurelia think she has hope in her hands? 5. What questions would you like to ask Aurelia?

## Lord's Prayer

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.

## Blessing

In the name of God who plants the seed of justice:

**All Be hungry for justice.**

In the name of Christ who hangs on the tree of love:

**All Be fruitful.**

And in the name of the Spirit who inspires  
God's will in our hearts and our lives:

**All Be celebrated.**

You are Christ's people, here and throughout the world  
now and forever.

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**All in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## NOTICES

**REFRESHMENTS** Please do join us for refreshments after this Service, we also we have some Easter eggs which weren't taken at the Easter Egg Hunt. Free to a good home!!



**PARISH PRIZE DRAW** Don't forget that you can still join our Parish Prize Draw. It's your chance to win big cash while also helping us maintain and develop our church buildings, and work towards being carbon neutral by 2030. It's easy to play – just head to [www.ParishofBaildon.uk/prizedraw](http://www.ParishofBaildon.uk/prizedraw). Play one number for £10 per month and depending on how many people join, you could be looking at a £120 prize from the monthly draw or £1420 from the annual draw. Play as many numbers as you like to increase your chances. The monthly draw will be called on the first Sunday of each month in St John's Church Hall after the service and, if you sign up now, you will automatically be entered into the annual draw which will be called at the Christmas Market.

**NEXT FAMILY SERVICE** Our next service will be on Sunday 1st June at 10am.

**MESSY CHURCH** Messy Church this month will be on Sunday 18th May at 4pm. Our theme will be Jesus's Ascension and as always we have some wonderful crafts for the children to enjoy.

**VE DAY COMMEMORATION** It is the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May and we invite you to a special Service of Commemoration at St John's Church at 11.30am. The tickets for the lunch are now sold out but you are most welcome to the service and to view the memorabilia in the hall

**PARISH DAY OUT TO THE AUCKLAND PROJECT** The Auckland Project is a regeneration charity project with a unique collection of fully accessible heritage attractions, galleries, gardens and parkland. You will discover a remarkable story of faith, art and power from the Prince

Bishop's of Durham to Bishop Auckland's surprising connection with the Golden Age of Spanish art. Our ticket price includes a one-hour guided tour of the palace to include the private apartments, the chapel, the state rooms and the Spanish gallery to view the art collection. Plus unlimited access to the faith museum, the 10 acre gardens and the Auckland tower. Also on site there are cafes and restaurants for you to enjoy lunch or a coffee and cake and of course the obligatory gift shops! For more information go to: [www.aucklandproject.org](http://www.aucklandproject.org) The date of the visit is Friday 18th July, leaving Baildon at 0830, returning around 1900. A short comfort and coffee stop will be built into the outward journey and our coach has a toilet onboard.

The cost of the trip is £44 per person which includes the coach, the coffee, and the entrance fee. If required we will pick up and drop off at all three churches. Please let us know as soon as possible by emailing Loraine Radcliffe at [stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk](mailto:stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk).

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** We are going to be running this course for anyone who would like to find out more about Christianity. It will be held at St James' Church in the Lounge on Tuesday evenings beginning on 20th May through to 24th June, meeting at 6.30pm for a meal and then spending time together talking about faith using St Mark's Gospel. If you would like to come on the course please get in touch with Sandra or Ruth.

**CHRISTIAN AID** During May we are going to be thinking and praying about the work of Christian Aid, which will also be our charity for the month. There will be a service in each church in which we will share and celebrate the difference Christian Aid makes around the world; with devotional booklets available to engage further at home. Donations can be made through charity cash envelopes or through the Parish account using the reference CAID.

**JULIAN MEETING** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st May 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.

**WORLD FAIRTRADE DAY** is on Saturday 10 May. Our parish is a Fairtrade Community and we serve FT tea and coffee in all three churches. When you go shopping this week, please try and buy an extra FT product, such as wine, chocolate or flowers, bearing the FT logo.



**CHOCOLATE RAFFLE** Helen and the Choir would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Chocolate Raffle such a success. Thank you to everyone who donated such lovely prizes and thank you to everyone who bought tickets, despite being in fear of winning an inflatable chicken suit. We raised £350.00 for parish funds.

**PCC APPOINTMENTS** At the Annual Meeting on Monday 28th April, John Riley and Denise Hopker were elected as Parish Wardens for the Parish of Baildon for the coming year. My thanks go to Denise and John for all their hard work in the previous year. The PCC welcomed two new members.



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