



**18th May 2025**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### **Services in the Parish next Sunday - 25th May 2025**

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St James's  
6.00pm Craft through Worship at St James's

### **Hymn**

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners,  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.**

**Name him, Christians, name him;  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
but with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.**

**All** In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All** **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

## **Collect**

**Reading** Acts 11:1-18 and Revelation 21:1-6

*Please sit for the readings. At the end the reader says*

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn (sung twice)**

**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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## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**All Alleluia.**

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

To the words ‘Lord hear us’ would you please respond ‘**Lord graciously hear us**’. *And at the end*

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

## Prayers of Penitence

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus – Saviour and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – that new commandment: “*...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*”

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...when we have failed to serve as Jesus served  
**All forgive us.**

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;  
**All forgive us.**

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with  
our lips and then denied him by our actions;  
**All forgive us.**

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to  
you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*A period of silence for reflection and prayer*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"*  
and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to  
the end"*

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and  
know that God forgives you.

**All Thanks be to God!**

*The notices are given*

Admission of Carys Dobson to the Choir

**Choir** It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised**

Helen Vicar, I present to you Carys to be admitted as a full member  
of the choir.

Vicar Carys do you choose to accept full membership of the choir.  
**Carys I do**

Vicar Do you promise to devote your effort and skill to helping  
others in their worship?  
**Carys I do.**

Vicar Do you promise to perform your part in the worship of God to  
the best of your ability.  
**Carys I do.**

Vicar Do you promise to be faithful in fulfilling all the duties  
involved in being a member of the choir?  
**Carys I do.**

Vicar May the Lord who has put into your heart the desire to serve  
him enable you to fulfil your promise.  
**All Amen.**

Vicar Carys we welcome you as a full member of the choir of St John's Church, Baildon.

**Choir We welcome you.**

Vicar Sing, rejoice and be glad. Praise the Lord with a cheerful voice and delight him with true melody in your heart. And the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Let us pray together the Prayer of the Choristers.

**Choir Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying '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)*

**See what a morning, gloriously bright  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead!**

See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till he appears,  
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with him,  
death is dead, love has won Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with him,  
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**All Amen.**

## **The 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.**

*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**

Rejoicing in God's new creation 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 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.**

## **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**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome  
to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed.  
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 choir anthem please do join in with the singing of the hymn

**Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes,  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us oh Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post-Communion prayer is said*

**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.**

## **Hymn**

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **NOTICES**

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

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

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST JOHN'S** Due to sadly a lack of people to lead Sunday School at St John's our offering for children will now be changed. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we will still be able to offer a Sunday School in the hall as we have been doing for several months. However on the third Sunday there will be colouring sheets available for children to use which will be put into St George's Chapel. We would still like to appeal to anyone who is able to offer even one Sunday on an occasional basis to get in touch with Canon Sandra.

**HYMNS & PIMMS** Sunday 22 June at 3pm at St James Church. Come and spend a Summer afternoon singing your favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimm's (or non-alcoholic drink) and a delicious strawberry tea with scones and cakes in the lovely setting of St James's church. Tickets cost £5 each and will be available soon.

**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.



**WORLD FAIRTRADE DAY** 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.



**TRANQUIL THURSDAY** Take a pause and join us for a mindfulness session on Thursday 22nd May, 7.30 to 8.30pm in St James Church Lounge. With Acacia Mindfulness, learn techniques to reduce stress, improve focus and increase emotional regulation. Arrive at 7pm for a cuppa and relaxed chat. There is no charge for this event but donations will be much appreciated! To book a place email [stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk](mailto:stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk) or contact Claire on 07889 662182.

**FOOD BANK** We urgently need donations of food for St Hugh's Food Bank. Last week was our busiest since we started the bank in 2012 and we looked at empty shelves as we closed up! Please could you pop an extra item in your shopping basket for the food bank? Tinned goods, UHT milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta and pasta sauces are what we need most. Collection boxes are positioned outside St John's Church, in Baildon Co-op by the self-service tills, outside St James's Church and inside St Hugh's entrance (always open Wednesdays 9am to 4pm).

A special thank you to those who donate money regularly. We were able to do a big shop on Monday which has made the shelves look healthier. For those wondering what pushes our claimants into food poverty, here are the most common answers we hear:

Ill health, unemployment, benefits/wages not covering living expenses, a sudden rise in household bills, unexpected bills and mental health issues.