



St John's Parish Church, Baildon



Ascension **DAY**

Sunday 1st June 2025

10.00am

Welcome, Banns of Marriage and introduction

Hymn

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

Call to worship

Jesus said, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20)

As you promise to be with us Lord Jesus,

**All We welcome you here today. Help us Lord to worship you,
to listen to your Word, and to pray in faith, that we might
grow in our love for you and for one another. Amen.**

Saying Sorry

Let us sit as we turn to the God who can transform us by his Holy Spirit.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

All Amen.

Footprints! What would your footprint from yesterday, past week or year look like? Suppose we could see all the footprints of our lives, what would they look like?

Hymn

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up,

Its a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

O my soul,

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness I will keep on singing,

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

O my soul, worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forever more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name. (Repeat)

Reading Matthew 28:18-20

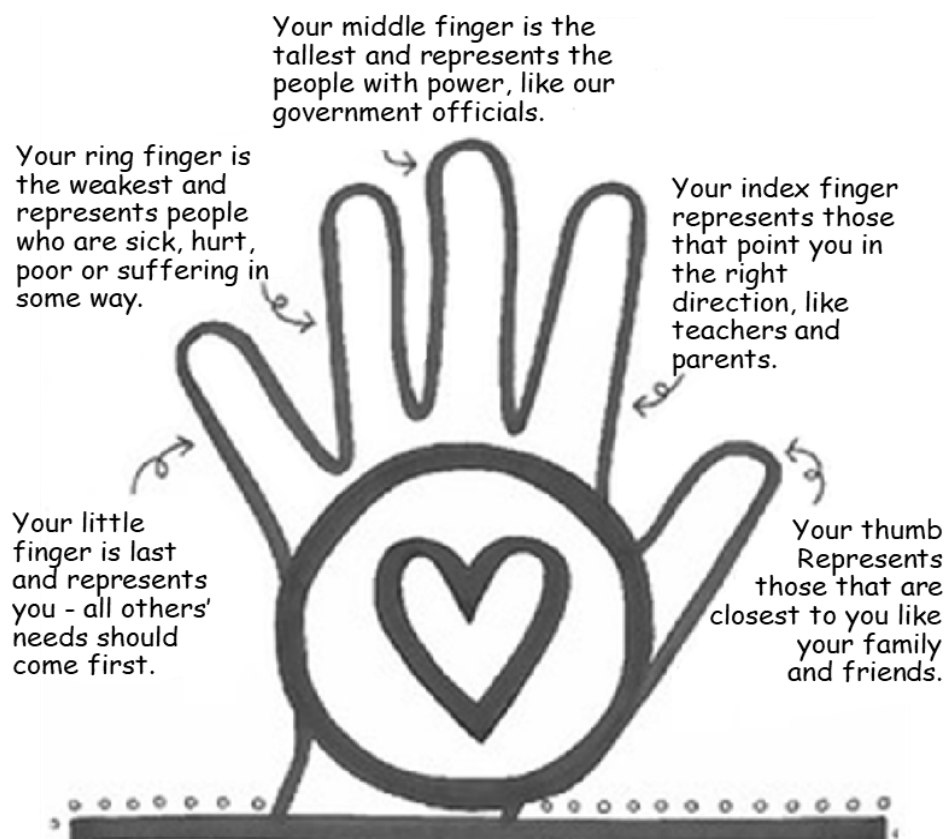
Who should we follow and obey? I invite you to take your footprint and using Sellotape, tape your footprints to the floor point outwards.

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.

Prayers



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 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 or on the back of the service you will find a QR code. This is a great way to give and offers the option of Gift Aid.

**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.**

Sending Out and Blessing

Holy Jesus, we have seen you and known you.

All We lift up our hearts to bless you.

As you lifted up your hands to bless your disciples you lift them today to bless us, and in response,

All we lift up our hands to bless you.

You have promised us the power of your Spirit to guide and empower us in the work you call us to.

All We lift up our lives to bless you.

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, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All in the name of Christ. Amen.

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking
along the beach with the Lord,
many scenes from my life flashed across the sky,
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.
Other times there was only one.
This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low period of my life when I was
suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat
I could see only one set of footprints.
So I said the Lord, 'You promised me, Lord,
that if I followed you, you would walk with me always.

But I noticed during the most trying periods of my life
there has only been one set of prints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
have you not been there for me?
The Lord replied, 'The times when you have seen only one set of
footprints,

It was then that I carried you'.

NOTICES

PENTECOST PICNIC On Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, Churches Together in Baildon invite you to come and share a picnic. We will meet at Roberts Park at 12noon. Please bring your lunch and something to sit on (if the grass is wet). After lunch there will be games for those wanting to join in.

PARISH DAY OUT There are still places for the Auckland Project visit on Friday 18th July. There are fully accessible heritage attractions, galleries, gardens and parkland. Our ticket price includes a one-hour guided tour of the palace, chapel, state rooms and the Spanish gallery. There's unlimited access to the faith museum, gardens and tower. There are on site cafes, restaurants and gift shop. For more information go to: www.aucklandproject.org. Email Loraine for more information or to book your place: stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk.

MIDDAY COMMUNION will be held at St James' Church on Wednesday 4th June. Everyone is welcome.

HYMNS & PIMMS Sunday 22nd 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. Please help us pick your favourite hymns by adding your choices to the list at the back of church. Tickets cost £5 each and are available after service or phone Helen on 07761 260 155.

FLOWER GUILD COFFEE MORNING You are invited to a Coffee Morning at the home of Madeleine and Paul Sheen on Saturday 7th June from 10am to 12 noon. We are raising money for the Parish Flower Guild so please try to support us so we can keep our church looking well decorated. There will be a raffle and Sales table. Everyone welcome. Contact Canon Sandra on 01274 589005 for further information.

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.

A TASTE OF MEXICO Come to our Mexican inspired Young at Heart meeting for the over 60s at St Hugh's on Monday 2nd June from 2pm to 4pm. We meet every first Monday of the month with a different activity, guest speaker or theme. This month won't disappoint! Try Mexican cuisine,

test your knowledge with our Mexico quiz and join Loraine for stretches and gentle Mexican line dancing. Fun and laughter guaranteed and for only £2!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF JUNE Our usual practice is for a joint service on the fifth Sunday of the month and on 29th June this will be held at St John's Church at 10am. This is our Confirmation Service with Bishop Toby so please do put the date in your diary and come and support the candidates to be confirmed.

FOOD BANK Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal for food and cash donations for St Hugh's Food Bank. Our shelves are looking healthier but we are still busier than normal. If you are able to donate: soup, baked beans, UHT milk, tea/coffee, biscuits, cereal, 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. Thank you!

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS are the focus for this month's charity, with Refugee Week 2025 running from 16 to 22 June. **BIASAN** (Bradford Immigration & Asylum Support & Advice Network) offers free legal advice, English classes, haircuts, clothing, household items and hot food every Thursday throughout the year. Denise Hopker and Michael Skelton attend regularly and will happily show you round the refurbished premises. The contribution to society is exemplified by a former child refugee from Iran, who has just been appointed the UK's High Commissioner to Fiji. Payment details are on the back of this service sheet. Please use the reference **REFUGEES**. Thank you.



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