



Confirmation Service

celebration
total belonging to Christ
receiving special strength
enrolled into God's service
deepening of grace
you will be clothed with power from on high
receiving the mark of the Holy Spirit
anointing *an outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 29th June 2025

10.00am

Please pray for all those who are to be confirmed this morning

Carys Dobson

Zachariah Standley

Peter Walker

Please note no photography or videography should take place during the service. Bishop Toby will be pleased to pose with the candidates for photographs after the service.

You are all warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service in the Church Hall.



Welcome and notices *The Rev Canon Sandra Benham, Vicar.*

Hymn

**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.**

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Bishop There is one body and one spirit
All There is one hope to which we are called;

Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All one God and Father of all.

Bishop Peace be with you
All and also with you.

Introduction by the Bishop

The Gloria

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.

The Collect (or special prayer for today)

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25

At the end

For the gift of your holy Word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

So here I am to worship,....

**And I'll never know how much it cost,
to see my sin upon that cross.**

**And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

***So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

Gospel Reading *please remain standing*

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon The Right Reverend Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

Presentation of the Candidates

All candidates stand. The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates **I have.**

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your
own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I am.**

Bishop People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Testimony is given by the candidates

The Decision *The Paschal Candle is lit.*

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Candidates Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Candidates I repent of them.

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Candidates I turn to Christ.

Bishop Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Candidates I come to Christ.

Bishop May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the Way.
All Amen.

The Bishop leads the candidates to the font as we sing

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost loved
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

Everyone turns to face the font and the Bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be God for ever.

Profession of Faith

Bishop Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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 candidates sign themselves with the sign of the cross with the holy water.

Bishop Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of
faith with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be
made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The candidates return to their places as we sing

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Confirmation *please be seated, except the candidates who remain
standing*

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed

Bishop Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All Amen.

The candidates are presented to the Bishop.

The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and also anoints them with the oil of chrism.

Bishop (N), God has called you by name and made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Bishop invites prayer for all who have been confirmed

**All Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your
heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for
ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and
more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

Commissioning of Loraine Radcliffe to the post of Community Worker at St James's Hub

Church Community development workers respond to and challenge the issues facing particular neighbourhoods and communities. They work alongside a wide range of individuals, groups and organisations, developing initiatives and projects to heal and transform individuals, churches and communities, bringing justice and peace. They work for the good of our community and for the glory of God.

Will you join God in what he is already doing in our world by ministering grace and love to everyone?

Loraine **By the grace of God I will.**

Will you look to create a culture where you live and work so that they are places where everyone flourishes?

Loraine **By the grace of God I will.**

Will you be a messenger of the gospel always giving reason for the hope that you have?

Loraine **By the grace of God I will.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of our community — spiritually, socially, and economically. May we work together to create a place where all are valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

We pray for those who are in positions of leadership within our community. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and humility as they serve the needs of the people. May they be guided by your truth and your love.

We pray for Loraine and give thanks for her commitment to you and to this work. May we, with Loraine, to be instruments of your peace, shining your light and spreading your love wherever we go. Loraine, may God bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Bishop God has made us one in 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, with a handshake or other greeting.

Offertory Hymn *Please put your envelope giving into the plate as usual. At this service we also ask for a donation to our Link Diocese of Sudan. With the service sheet you were given a gift aid envelope. If you are UK tax payer please place your donation in the envelope, fill out the details asked for and place it in the collection plate as it comes round during this hymn. All cash donations received today will be given to the Diocese of Sudan. If you miss the collection baskets there is a plate for your donation as you leave Church. Please be as generous as you can, the Christians in Sudan are marginalised and oppressed in their own country, yet maintain their faith in Christ with great courage.*

**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 power 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.....

The Preparation of the Table

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields, and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*

During the Eucharistic Prayer we invite you to put down your order of service and become involved in the words and actions and the Great Thanksgiving the prayer of the holy community of God's people, no longer my prayer, but our prayer.

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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

All Great is the mystery of faith
 Christ has died
 Christ is risen
 Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

Please sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
 Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.

The 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

All God's holy gifts for God's holy people
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Everyone is very welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you have been confirmed or not. This part of the service is when we come together as family to receive God's gifts and to remember his love for us. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The communicant replies **Amen.**

If you wish to have prayer for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, or for prayer, please go to St George's Chapel.

During the distribution of Communion the choir will sing an anthem and then please join in with the singing of the Communion hymns.

Communion Hymns *Please remain seated*

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.**

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop: God of mercy, by whose grace alone we are accepted and equipped for your service: stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The newly confirmed are given a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us all a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ, walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

The Sending Out

The Commission

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you today and always.

All Amen.

Hymn

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**
Yours the glory and the crown.....

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**
Yours the glory and the crown.....

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**
Yours the glory and the crown.....

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**
Yours the glory and the crown,

The Dismissal

All Go in the light and peace of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

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.

FUN AUCTION The Parish Events Group presents 'A Fun Auction' on Saturday 5th July 2025 in St John's Church Hall. Bring along up to two good quality items which will be auctioned, with the proceeds going to Parish Funds. It is also your opportunity to snap up a bargain! Arrive at 7pm with your items and grab yourself a drink at the Galilee Bar with the auction starting at 7.30pm. Ticket price is £7.50 which includes a pie and pea supper. Tickets are available after service or email loraine.radcliffe27@gmail.com/07960 018025. This event has always been lots of fun so be prepared for a night of entertainment and laughter!

MEN'S CLOTHES are needed at the Biasan store in Bradford, as the Home Office has dispersed large numbers of asylum seekers here. In particular they need clean, good quality socks, underwear, T-shirts, jeans, sweat shirts, hoodies, jackets and trainers, plus suitcases and backpacks to carry things in. Please bring them to church over the next month or so and leave them at the back. Thank you.

CAKE STALL The Parish Events Group (PEG) are calling on all bakers to help them stock their cake stall at this year's Baildon Carnival. PEG is spreading the word about all the wonderful events, services and activities in our three churches to the local community. We hope to attract interest with an array of delicious homemade cakes, biscuits, scones and traybakes. Please could you help by baking for us? All proceeds are going to parish funds. Please bring your baking to St John's Church Hall on

Friday 11th July between 2pm and 6pm. Be sure to stop by our stall on Saturday 12th July to say hello!

HELP NEEDED FOR BAILDON CARNIVAL STALL Not only do we need bakers but we also need a bit of help on the day staffing the stall. If you are able to, please do consider coming along and help on the stall, even an hour would be a great help. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church this morning.

PARISH DAY OUT There are three places left 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.

HYMNS AND PIMMS EVENT All those who came to the event last Sunday had a great afternoon of singing our favourite hymns and enjoying a strawberry tea. We raised a fantastic amount of £219.84 for Parish funds. My sincere thanks to all those involved in organising this event, the team from PEG and Helen Austwick.

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