

# Guard Against Greed



Sunday 3rd August 2025  
10.00am

## **Welcome and notices**

### **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.**

## **Opening Prayer**

**All Lord we are here to worship you.  
Would you meet with us through your Spirit,  
Teach us through your Word,  
Show us where we need to change,  
And give us all we need to serve you in the world.  
For the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Which plate would you choose?**

**Now listen to what Jesus says .....**

## **Hymn**

**I am a new creation,  
no more in condemnation,  
here in the grace of God I stand.**

**My heart is overflowing,  
my love just keeps on growing,  
here in the grace of God I stand.**

**And I will praise you Lord,  
yes, I will praise you Lord,  
and I will sing of all that you have done.**

**A joy that knows no limit,  
a lightness in my spirit,  
here in the grace of God I stand.**

**What can you do without, how can we guard against greed?**

## Saying Sorry

As we allow the words about guarding against the 'more and more disease' to speak to us as individuals and as a church family, let's ask the Lord's forgiveness for the times where we have not obeyed this teaching and so have not brought God glory.

Father, thank you for calling us into your family,  
where we belong to one another and to you.

We are sorry when we haven't loved each other and shared what we have.

**All Father forgive us and help us to change.**

We are sorry when we have failed  
to use our gifts to serve you.

**All Father forgive us and help us to change.**

We are sorry when we haven't been prayerful.

**All Father forgive us and help us to change.**

We are sorry when we have put ourselves first.

**All Father forgive us and help us to change in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

As we continue to think about guarding against greed, when you came into church you were given several paper chains. I now invite you to take your chains and write, or draw, on them things that you have that can do without or things you would like to give up. You might also think about what you might do with the things you now realise you don't need.

## 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** we are now going to join our chains together as family groups/people you are sitting with. Then as we join our prayers together, I invite you to bring forward your large paper chains as we join them, and our prayers together at the front of church.

As we pray for ourselves to be changed, we now pray for other people and situations to be changed as well and we light a candle for God's transforming power to change us and our world's situation. As we pray

**All Holy Spirit, please come and change us and those places in our world today which need your transforming love..**

As we light this candle, let us remember that Jesus changes our hearts with his love and light. We are now to carry his love and light into the world, as 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.**

**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. There is also a QR code at the back of this sheet).*

**There are many ways of sharing,  
But God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring;  
It's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing,  
May we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing  
For the common good of all.**

**We've been baptized in the waters!  
We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters,  
You give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration  
Of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation;  
Give each one a servant's heart.**

**All are blest by gifts you give us;  
Some are set apart to lead.  
Give us Jesus' love within us  
As we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions;  
Give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision  
As we serve your church and world.**

## **Blessing**

As Jesus has changed your life, go into the world and change it. 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.**

## **NOTICES**

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** Everyone is welcome to join us at St James' Church lounge for coffee and a chat from 10am - 12noon every week.

**MIDDAY COMMUNION** at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 6th August. Everyone is welcome.

**HEARTS FOR HARVEST** We are looking for people to create hearts out of fabric patterned or plain, filled or flat; knitted or crocheted hearts in any colour. We would like the hearts to be roughly 3 inches top to bottom and 3 inches across, with a small loop or one can be added in the 'V' part of the heart in order to be able to attach a label or tag to each one. We will begin collecting the hearts from mid-August to mid-September, in preparation for our Harvest Festival services at the beginning of October. Do pass this information on to anyone who you think might like to get involved. Many thanks Revd Ruth and Alison Boggie.

**WINE INTO WATER** Join Martin and Trish Short for Lunchtime Drinks on Saturday 9th August, 12–2pm at their home. We'll be supporting our Parish Charity of the Month: **WaterAid**. This is a **TICKET ONLY** event and they are available for free after Sunday service at all our churches. We'll be collecting donations on the day (cash or cheque only). Let's raise a glass - and funds - for clean water!

**FOOD BANK** Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal for food and cash donations for St Hugh's Food Bank. 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!

**CONSULTATION ABOUT THE NEW BISHOP OF LEEDS** The Diocese has now begun a consultation period as we seek a new Bishop of Leeds. If you would like to have your say you can either do this via the Diocese of Leeds website <https://www.leeds.anglican.org> or there are some postcards at the back of church which need filling in and then posting to the Diocese. We need to do this as soon as we can so please take a few minutes to either visit the website or on the postcards. It's important that we have our say!

**'LADIES PLEASE' CONCERT** Everyone is welcome to come and listen to your favourite songs served with tea, coffee and delicious pastries, or even join in and exercise your vocal chords. At St John's Church Hall on Saturday 16th August at 10.30am. Tickets £7.50 each and available after the service or email [loraine.radcliffe27@gmail.com](mailto:loraine.radcliffe27@gmail.com) or tel: 07960 018025.



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