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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Services in the Parish next week - 5th October 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's (traditional language)

9.30am Service of the Word for Harvest Festival

10.00am Family Service for Harvest Festival

Hymn

**Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong,
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away.
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

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 19. 1-7 *At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

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

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

**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.**

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 of life’ would you please respond ‘**in your mercy hear us**’. *At the end*

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
All and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

After a period of reflection

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The children join us from their worship and the notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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.

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 or the QR code at the back of the order)*

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.

Preparation of the Table

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

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where
heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the
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

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.

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens. For reason of hygiene the Church of England does not allow intinction (dipping bread into the wine). If you don't feel able to take the wine from the common cup today please just receive the bread, which will be the full presence of Christ for you. 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.**

During communion please join in with singing the next hymn

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer for the day is said

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

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

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD is a retelling of the gospel by Bear Grylls. He uses Jesus' own words taken directly from the Bible, inviting us into the drama of Jesus' life with gripping storytelling and raw honesty. This book is already becoming a bestseller and is the 'Big Church Read' (BCR) for October. See more about this through the link

[https:// thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/](https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/) Our parish ABC book group have decided to read this book beginning late October (date to follow) and you are welcome to join us or to follow the BCR yourself. I am going to be ordering books through the BCR website where I hope to be able to get the books at a discounted price of £9 or £10 a copy. If you would like me to purchase you a copy (however you choose to read it) please let me know by the 21st September. Thanks Revd Ruth

HEARTS & MINDS WORKSHOPS will start weekly from Wednesday 8th October 12.30pm-2.30pm. No need to book, just come along and meet local artist Emma Bairstow, a member of the Bradford City of Culture team, who will be offering seven weeks of FREE creative workshops, open to all abilities. Activities include - painting to music, watercolour landscapes, printmaking etc, exploring connections with mind and nature. Sandwich lunch from 12.30pm-1.00pm, workshops from 1.00pm-2.30pm. See poster for more details in churches.

SOCIAL SATURDAYS starting monthly (the second Saturday in the month) 11th October 10.00am-12 noon. Lets get together to have fun and companionship in the lovely surroundings of St James's Hub. Each month will be a different topic, activity, guest speaker..... anything we want it to be! Of course there will be tea, coffee and cake but most of all there will be smiles! I'll start off the first one with a talk about my (former life) in the Lord Mayor's Office at City Hall, Bradford and the Royal Maundy Money. No need to book, just come along. Loraine.

FAIRTRADE fortnight this year is from 22nd September to 5th October. Fairtrade means fairer conditions, fairer treatment and fairer futures for growers and producers and also training in more sustainable agriculture and in crops which can thrive in our changing climate. There will be a fair trade display in Baildon library window and in the Co-op.

We would also encourage you to buy at least one extra Fairtrade item (tea, coffee, sugar, bananas, chocolate, wine or anything else you can find) during Fairtrade fortnight.

HARVEST Our next Family Service will be Sunday 5th October and will be our Harvest Festival. At St John's this will followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church to show what food you will bringing.

HARVEST FOOD As in previous years we will be asking for donations of tinned and packed food for St Hugh's Food Bank this year. As you will know there is an increasing demand on food so anything you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

HARVEST DONATIONS Our charity of the month for October will be the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. Conflict in the Middle East has devastated lives. Millions of people in Gaza, Lebanon, the West Bank and Syria urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies.

Famine has been confirmed in Gaza and every day is a struggle to find food, clean water and basic supplies. People are dying from starvation and malnutrition. Safe and sustained access for humanitarian aid has never been more urgent.

In Lebanon, the ceasefire agreement at the end of last year meant some of the people displaced by conflict could return to their communities and start to rebuild their lives. Months on, many still have no home to return to and are cut off from basic services.

DEC charities and their local partners are working tirelessly to support people in unimaginably difficult conditions. Each day brings new and unexpected challenges, and they are constantly adapting their work to deliver whatever aid they can.

There will be an opportunity to give a donation at the Harvest Festival at St John's or via BACS using the reference MIDDLE EAST

COFFEE ROTA It is great to be able to offer refreshments after every service at St John's when we continue to meet and share fellowship. However the number of people on the coffee rota is getting smaller, we really need others to take on this very small task. You need to prepare cups and water etc before the service, serve from the hatch and wash up. You don't need to handle the tables and chairs in the hall. Please do think about whether you can become part of this team.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP During September we will be thinking about 'Discovery' as part of our reflections on culture. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on tonight at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy art or crafting and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive resources.

MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 1st October . Everyone is welcome.

SAVE THE DATE Tuesday 14th October at St James's Hub. As autumn and winter approach our local PCSO and her colleague will come to talk to

us about Dark Nights Crime Prevention and personal safety, giving us lots of useful information and advice. The event will start at 12:00pm with a hot soup and bread lunch and will be followed at around 12:30pm with the talk. No need to book, just come along. Call Loraine on 07301 060954 if you need any further information.

ALL SOULS SERVICE our annual All Souls Service this year will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 26th October at 4.30pm. If you would like a loved one remembered at this service, please put their name on the sheets at the back of church. During the service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory, and names will be read. To help keep the service personal and meaningful for those present, we kindly ask that names are added only if you plan to attend.



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