



Sunday 7th September 2025

10.00am

Welcome and notices

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.**

Opening Prayer

We are not just once a week friends.

All We are the family of God.

We are not a cosy club.

All We are the body of Christ.

We are not simply strangers meeting.

All We are temples of the Holy Spirit.

We are not here by accident.

All Our Father has called us to worship.

We are not just filling up an hour.

All Jesus wants us to know him better.

We are not here just to go through the motions.

All The Holy Spirit has some special words for us.

**All We meet in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Saying Sorry

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you and we confess that we find your call demanding. In the face of our love for our family and the needs of our friends and colleagues, we find it hard to put you first.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus

We cling to our possessions for comfort and ease; we cannot imagine how we might manage with less.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

To count the cost of following you is a difficult prospect; we would rather not do it. We like the lives we have built and we don't want to change them.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus

Give us the courage, Lord, to take up the cross and be your disciples, knowing that this is the path to peace.

All 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.

How much would it cost?

Now listen to what Jesus says

Hymn

**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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Jesus isn't an add-on to our lives

As we continue to think about the use of our time, money and energy, children are invited to one of the tables for their activity, drawing their family and friends, people who give them energy, and putting them together in a boat. Adults are invited to chat with neighbours about how you can use your time, money and energy differently to follow Jesus more closely. If you did these things what might they change for the future?

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 using ideas from adult discussion, how can we better use our time, money and energy now.

**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).*

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

Blessing

Father God, when things are tough:

All Help us to walk with you.

When life is good:

All Help us to walk with you.

On the good days, the bad days and the average days:

All Help us to walk with you.

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, 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 to 12noon every week.

HEARTS FOR HARVEST We will be receiving the hearts that people have been making until 21st September. Please put your crafted hearts in the appointed box at each of our churches. We are hoping to collect in excess of 200 hearts which will be blessed at our harvest services across the parish and given away. There is still plenty of time to create hearts and make an impact!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL On Saturday 27th September, from 11am - 4.00pm, the town will welcome scarecrows made by local groups and individuals - last time it was a wonderful event with lots of people enjoying the exhibits. Once again our Messy Church families will have an entry which will be displayed in St John's Church. On the day we will be offering refreshments and need volunteers to man the stall. If you are able to help, even for an hour, please add your name to the sign up sheet in each church. Any donations of cakes, homemade or shop-bought, would be really appreciated. Please bring to St John's from 9.30 - 10.30am on the day.

BRASS BAND CONCERT Enjoy an evening of music from the Clifton and Lightcliffe Brass Band in St John's Church on Saturday 13th September. Tickets are £10 and available after all Sunday Services or from Loraine Radcliffe, tel: 07960 018025 or email: loraine.radcliffe27@gmail.com or buy on the door. Refreshments will be available during the interval and we will be raffling three hampers. Doors open at 6.45pm and the concert begins at 7.30pm. This event is raising money for Parish funds.

BRASS BAND CONCERT We are holding a hamper raffle on the night with three hampers to be won. Donations suitable for a general hamper and a smaller toiletries and smaller cheese and biscuits hamper would be very much appreciated.

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/> 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

ST HUGH'S SUMMER LUNCHBOX SCHEME Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us feed 53 children from 23 local families over the school summer holidays. Shopping, packing and distribution: Anthea and Michael Petts and Emily Woodhead. For shopping and delivering bread and cereal each week: Madeleine Sheen, Alison Boggie, Heather Hows, Sheila Binns and Leslie Hallas. James Farrell for delivering and donating fruit. Shipley Council workers for delivering to the most vulnerable families. What a team! Thank you all, Sarah.

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. Let's 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.

ROAD ATLAS CHARACTERS - Craft through Worship are going to be making Holy Family figures out of large Road Atlases. We need 2 more old atlases that people no longer need. Please contact Revd Ruth.

JULIAN MEETING The next meeting will be Wednesday 17th September at St James' Church at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

FAIRTRADE fortnight 2025 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. Join us at St John's, followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall.



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