

14th September 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Services in the Parish next week - 21st September 2025

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

9.30am Holy Communion at St Hugh's 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's 4.00pm Messy Church at St John's

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

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 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 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 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 At end of the reading

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand; not by our human endeavour, but by the blood of the Lamb. Into your presence you call us, you call us to come. Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come. now by your grace we come.

Lord, if you marked our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. (Repeat)

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 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 and love' would you please respond 'hear our prayer'. At the end

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

O most patient God, we recognise how much we you for life itself.

But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you?

How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?

How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them?

How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its water?

Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.

All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

Pause for silent prayer and reflection

Words of Assurance

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around. Gathering us in to the people of God. May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

All Amen.

The children join us from their worship and 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

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, his goodness restores my soul.

> And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone, for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone,

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone,

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 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. 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

Just as I am, without one plea,

but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come

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

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won; By those who dared to share all Christ had done. Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled, We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered, Inspired by all that we have seen and heard; This call is ours, for we are chosen too, To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured, From death's despair the gift of life restored; Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet, To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold; To sow God's righteousness throughout the world; Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds, The Kingdom's harvest from the Kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound, Old joys remembered and new purpose found, Our call refreshed by sacrament and word, We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

EXPLORE PRAYER CARDS At the back of each Church you will find some Explore Cards. You are very welcome to have a look and take 7 them if you would like one or you know of someone who might find them helpful. They offer some thought-provoking images, simple but profound words to help anyone to express their feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these free.

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

HEARTS FOR HARVEST until Sunday 21 September we are going to be collecting in hearts that people have been making. There will be a plastic box at each church for the purpose of collecting crafted hearts. 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 lots of scarecrows made by various groups and individuals in Baildon - last time it was a wonderful event with lots of people enjoying the exhibits. This year, once again, our Messy Church families will have an entry which will be in St John's Church. On the day we will be offering refreshments to all those who come into church. We have two requests firstly we need volunteers to

staff the refreshment stall and we have put a sign up sheet in each church. Please think about whether you can offer, even an hour would be great. Secondly it would be lovely to offer people homemade cakes (shop brought ones are just as welcome!) Please bring to St John's from 9.30 - 10.30am on the Saturday morning. Thanks.

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 The school summer holidays can be a very expensive time for parents. St Hugh's Food Bank provides weekly bags of food to local children, identified by primary schools as needing some extra help. This year we fed 54 children from 2 families for the whole 6 week holiday. This is a mammoth effort. We needed the help of 8 volunteers and 3 workers to run the scheme. Thank you to: Anthea and Michael Petts, Emily Woodhead for shopping, packing and distribution; Madeleine Sheen, Alison Boggie, Heather Hows, Sheila Binns and Leslie Hallas for shopping and dropping tons of bread and cereal off each week; 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. 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.

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 Ruth.

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

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP It is good to pray for the work of our Church School, which I hope you do regularly. To focus this we meet together as parents, carers, and anyone interested to pray for the school. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September at 2.40pm in the staff room at the Church School. If you are interested in attending but not sure how to get into the school please let Canon Sandra know and she will meet you.



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