

19th October 2024 Celebrating St Luke's Day

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Services in the Parish next week - 26th October

10.00am - Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am - Holy Communion at St James'

4.30pm - All Souls Service at St John's

6.00pm - Craft through Worship at St James'

Hymn

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know that he was born of Mary when Bethl'em's manager was his only home. And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear and lifts the burden of the heavy laden; for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with love and joy is filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad, myriad human voices sing, and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer, 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world is King!'

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 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 in the highest.

Collect

Reading 2 Timothy 4. 5 - 17

At end of the reading

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Saint Luke, beloved physician, with honour now recall, who served his Master's mission, who ministered to Paul; whose skill to distant ages bequeathed a gift unpriced, a gospel in whose pages we see the face of Christ.

He tells for us the stories of Jesus here on earth, the unsung pains and glories that marked the church's birth; the Spirit's power in preaching, the contrite sinner freed, the grace and mercy reaching our deepest human need.

For all who work our healing we lift our hearts in prayer, the love of God revealing in science, skill and care: his gifts be still imparted to those who make us whole, like Luke the tender-hearted, physician of the soul.

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

At the end

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

God of healing, God of wholeness,

All we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

> God of healing, God of wholeness,

All we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
All this precious moment
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole.

Pause for silent reflection and prayer

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not holding our sins against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone his day and for evermore.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another 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.

Bless the Lord Os my soul; O my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name. The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul....

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger,
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.
Bless the Lord O my soul....

And on that day
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near
And my time has come,
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore!
Bless the Lord O my soul;
O my soul, Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.

Preparation of the Table

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

God our Father, keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, after the anthem please join in with singing the chant

Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta. Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace (x3)

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, and bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinners' ears, 'tis life and health and peace. (3x)

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin, he sets the pris'ner free, he sets the pris'ner free, his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. (3x)

He speaks; and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. (3x)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ, your loosened tongues employ, ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy! (3x)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me too proclaim, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name. (3x)

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS everyone is very welcome to join us for coffee after the service.

HEARTS & HANDS 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 the next Social Saturday will be on 15th November 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. As November is the month of Remembrance the talk will be given by Tricia Restorick who is Secretary of The Bradford WW1 Group and is entitled "So Many Ways to Remember". No need to book, just come along. Loraine.

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.

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.

GUIDE DOGS COFFEE MORNING Please join us for a coffee morning at St John's Church Hall on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 12 noon. We will be joined by a speaker and his guide dog and there will also be a cake stall and raffle. All proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs. Everyone welcome.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP During October we will be thinking about 'Refinement and Education' as part of our reflections on culture. An email with resources and the craft box outside St James' Church will be available from Sunday 19th October. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 26th October at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive resources.

CHARITABLE GIVING Here is an update about donations made to some of our charities of the month in 2025: Friendship Choir £230, UNICEF £1,234.37, Christian Aid £672.32, Sudan £497.25, Water Aid £851, together with Mary's Meals £72.50 and DEC Myanmar £118,10 following the earthquake. Thank you to everyone who has given generously of time, energy and money to make a difference in the lives of other people.

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 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. Our first session will be on Monday 20th October at 2.15pm at St James' Church. You are welcome to join us once a month or to follow the BCR yourself which launches on 15th October offering a video and questions once a week for 5 weeks.. Thanks Revd Ruth



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