



St John's Parish Church, Baildon

Act of Remembrance



Sunday 9th November 2025

10.45am

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded,
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand,
joy doth wait for his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**

GREETING

In the light of Christ, we welcome you to this service as we gather in hope and pray for the ending of all violence and bloodshed.

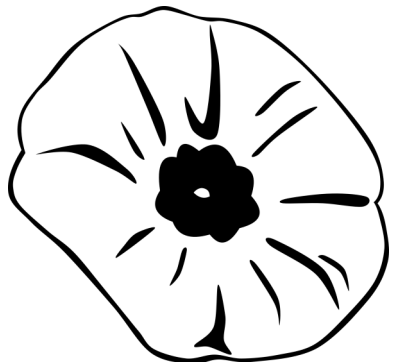
All May the peace of Christ burn in our hearts and dawn on our world.

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.
(Psalm 46.1)

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.



ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to
seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

When we fail to learn from the past

All Lord, have mercy

When we let national and personal interests blind us to the
suffering of the world.

All Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the cost of the freedom we enjoy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save
sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All Amen.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Listening for the word from God

A reading from the Book of Micah 4:1-5, 6:6-8

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Once we had dreams, dreams of a new beginning
when we had fought the war to end all war;
a world of peace, where people live in freedom,
a world where justice reigns for evermore.
And yet, and yet, each year as we remember
we know too well how subtly dreams can fade.**

**In this our world where peace is often fragile,
where war and hatred grip, where children die,
too easily our hearts are dulled to suffering,
our ears are deafened to the hopeless cry;
we fail to grasp the call to be peace-makers,
we act in fear and let the vision fade.**

**Still we need dreams; O God, make us your dreamers,
inflame our passion for a world made whole,
a world where love extends to all a welcome,
where justice, like a powerful stream, will roll.
Come, Prince of Peace, our fading hope rekindle,
'Your Kingdom come' we pray, let peace be made.**

REMEMBERING

**They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.**

All affirm We will remember them.

THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST

TWO MINUTE SILENCE

THE SOUNDING OF THE REVEILLE

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel of John 15: 9-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM For the Fallen by Peter Irving

SERMON

Hymn *during which the collection will be taken for the work of this Parish.
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)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.....

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts....

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.....

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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Shine in your church gathered today.*

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let us pray to Almighty God for the needs of the world. To the words 'May God give peace' would you please respond '**God give peace**'.

We join together in the Lord's Prayer

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

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

We respond by laying a wreath in St George's Chapel, the place which holds the names of those killed during the First and Second World Wars from Baildon.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

All Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious King
long live our noble King
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, and with those who you
love and pray for this, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week 16th November

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 Church Hall

REFRESHMENTS do join us for refreshments after this service in the Church Hall.

CHRISTMAS MARKET We are hoping to run our Christmas Market this year as usual on Saturday 6th December from 10 - 2pm in St John's Church Hall. **BUT** in order to do this we need a lot of help which if we don't get we may not be able to run it. There is a list at the back of all churches for you to sign up for various times and jobs that we need to cover. These include some one to take on the organising and running of the Tombola stall and some one to take

responsibility for organising and help run the cake stall.

There are other jobs including helping on Friday to set up tables etc, help on Saturday from 2 - 4pm setting up the tables for Sunday as well staffing other stalls.

I can not reinforce this enough that if, by the 23rd November we haven't got enough help then we won't be able to run the Christmas Market, so please do sign up for what you can offer.

CHRISTMAS MARKET We hope that we can run the Christmas market **NOW WE NEED DONATIONS!** From Sunday 16th November there will be boxes at the back of each church to receive prizes for the bottle tombola and usual tombola and hamper items for the luxury raffle. We hope you will be able to join us for this annual event.

MESSY CHURCH our next Messy Church session is Sunday 16th November. We meet at 4pm in St John's Church Hall, all families welcome

CHRISTINGLE Our Christingle Service this year is on Sunday 7th December at 4.30pm at St John's Church. During this service everyone is encouraged to make a donation to the work of the Children's Society. The Society have produced some lovely collecting candles, which are available from next Sunday for you to use. In the Parish the Children's Society is our charity for January so please return these at the Christingle Service or during the month of January.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER - on the 30th November our joint parish holy communion service will be at St John's Church at 10.00am

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 WWI Group and is entitled "So Many Ways to Remember". No need to book, just come along. Loraine.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH Our charity of the month for October and early November 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. There will be an opportunity to give a donation via BACS using the reference MIDDLE EAST.

HEARTS & HANDS WORKSHOPS we meet on 12th, 19th and 26th November at 12.30pm-2.30pm. No need to book, just come along and meet local artist Emma Bairstow, who will be offering 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.

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. You can join it online at anytime now through the link <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/> Our parish ABC book group has decided to read this book and our next session looking at Part 2, will be on Tuesday 18 November at 2pm in the Lounge at St James' Church.

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS We will once again be giving the opportunity to take some time aside from the rush of Advent to pause and study. We will be using a York Course written by Bishop Nick entitled 'Who am I'. If you would like a book please contact Rev Ruth as soon as possible, each book costs £5. The dates for the course are Tuesdays 25th November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December from 12 noon to 2pm which will include lunch at St James's Church. There will be evenings at Halfway House on the same dates from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.