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Services next week in the Parish 7th December 2025

9.30am Joint Parish Holy Communion at St Hugh's
 4.30pm Christingle Service at St John's

Hymn

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
 once for favoured sinners slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign**

**Every eye shall now behold him
 robed in dreadful majesty;
 those who set at naught and sold him,
 pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
 deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
 cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshippers:
 with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory,
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

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

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:12

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.

The Collect

Reading - Romans 13.11-14

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

So here I am to worship,....

**And I'll never know how much it cost,
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

So here I am to worship

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the father, who created all things:

All for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All for with his blood he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!' Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the word 'Maratha' would you please respond 'Come Lord Jesus'.

At end of the prayers we say together

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen

May God in mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. Take hold of this forgiveness and be at peace.

All Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we will light a candle to remember the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.

Bible reading

The first candle is lit

Let us pray

All Lord Jesus we give thanks for our Father Abraham who by faith obeyed your call and became the father of many nations. Give us faith to listen to your voice that our hearts may be filled with the hope of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn *(during which a collection is taken for the work of the Parish. The contactless giving machine is available at the back of Church if you would prefer to give in this way)*

**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

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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.**

After the anthem do join in with the hymn

**My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days
I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath,
all that I am,
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Prayer after Communion

Post communion prayer is said

All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.

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.**

**I 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.**

Blessing

With love and compassion,

All come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,

All come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS Today's refreshments are a bit different! Please stay in the Church after the service and enjoy the wonderful Christmas Trees in church and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee which will be served in Church this morning.

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.

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION As you leave Church today you will be given a booklet which gives all the information for Christmas in Baildon including our Tree Festival. These are free so please do take as many as you would like to post through neighbour's doors, give away to friends or leave in cafes. It would be great if they could all be taken today - that's your challenge!

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 at back of church 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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE We will holding a Candlelit Advent Carol Service at St John's tonight at 6pm. This will be a service of hymns, readings and anthems as we move from darkness to light following the Advent theme. It is a very moving service and I do encourage you to come.

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 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 2nd, 9th and 16th December from 12 noon to 2pm which will include lunch at St James's Church. We are also offering a conversation at the Half Way House on Tuesdays from 7.30 - 9.00pm starting on 25th November.

CAROL OF SEVEN HILLS Bishop Toby has been working to put on exciting performances across our Episcopal Area of the **Carol of the Seven Hills**. This is the Episcopal Area contribution to the City of Culture. It is taking place at the venues below with their dates.

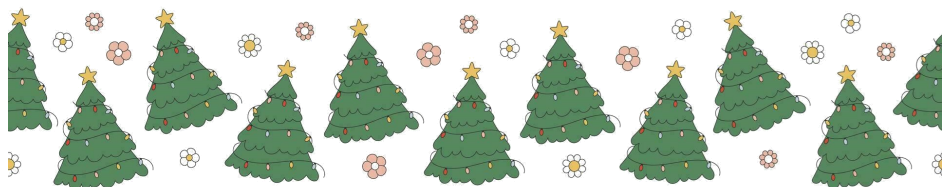
Nov 27	Immanuel College, Idle
Nov 28	All Saints, Ilkley
Nov 29	St Andrew's, Keighley
Dec 4	Bradford Forster Academy, Bowling
Dec 5	Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College
Dec 6	Fountains Church, Bradford (our biggest venue)

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for under 16s and be purchased on Eventbrite. I have send out the links in a Message from Sandra.

MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 3rd December. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION Before our Christingle Service on 7th December we need to prepare our Christingles. These will be done on Friday 5th December at 10am and as usual, the more people we have, the shorter they will take. We will meet at St John's Church Hall kitchen.

THANK YOU a big thank you to those stayed last week and put together Father Christmas's Grotto. I am sure the children will love their visit!



FREE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE TREE FESTIVAL!

Come and enjoy entertainment at St John's Christmas Tree Festival. There are performances of music and dance, plus a couple of free concerts:

Sat 29th Nov 2pm to 3pm Organist Keith Matthews plays popular carols

Sun 30th Nov 2pm to 3pm **FREE** Concert by Bingley Handbells Group

Sat 6th Dec 12 noon **FREE** Concert by Ladies Please Menston Choir

2.30pm to 3.30pm Performance by Inspirations Dance

Sun 7th Dec 11.30am Organ Recital by Helen Austwick

1pm to 2pm Performance by Baildon Strummers Ukulele Group

Sat 13th Dec 1pm to 2pm Pianist Audrey Glover plays Christmas carols

Sat 14th Dec 11.30am Performance by St John's Church Choir

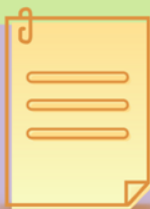


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