



The Parish of Baildon



Joint Parish Communion at St James's Church

28th December 2025

Welcome

Carol

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessèd,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face -
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of Heav'n adore him!
Angel hosts his praises sing!
All dominions bow before him
And exalt our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring -
Evermore and evermore.

The Greeting

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

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, 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.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading - Jeremiah 31:15-17 *At the end of the reading:*

All **For the gift of your holy word.**
Thanks be to God.

Carol

Unto us a boy is born!
The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he the world surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
And all the little boys he killed
At Bethl'hem in his fury.

**Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.**

**Alpha and Omega he!
Now let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Shall rend the air asunder.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Never despise these little ones; their guardian angels in heaven look continuously on the face of my heavenly Father

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of prayers

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

On this day when we recall the murder of innocent lives, let us stand before our just and holy God, and remembering the violence and injustice of our world, confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You are the God of the weak and the vulnerable.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You judge the tyrant and the cruel.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You wipe away the tears of the broken-hearted.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

‘I will comfort you,’ says the Lord, ‘as a mother comforts her child, and you shall be comforted.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Carol during which the collection will be taken for the work of this Parish

**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 manger 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 from 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 shall 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!'**

Preparation of the Table

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

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, 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

God is with us, and 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

The 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

The president gives the invitation to communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

The president and people. Everyone at this service is very welcome to come forward and receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens. For reasons of hygiene the Church of England does not allow intinction (dipping bread into the wine). If you don't feel able to take the wine from the common cup today please just receive the bread, which will be the full presence of Christ for you.

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.**

Do join in with the singing of the carol below.

Communion Hymn

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Prayer after Communion

The post-communion prayer is said

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Carol

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

The Dismissal

Blessing

God, who gives life to the dead and comfort to the desolate, sustain you, keep you and console you, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those whom you love, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week - 4th January 2026

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

9.30am Service of the Word at St Hugh's

10.00am Family Worship at St John's

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY helps children and young people realise their futures by being there when no one else is. We know that there is a mental health and wellbeing crisis among children and young people in need. The Children's Society offers listening and encouragement to enable them to reach their goals. This is our charity of the month for January. You can make a donation by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference CHNSOC. You may also have Christingle collection candles at home which you can return to worship this month.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE we re-open on Wednesday 7th January 2025 from 10.00-12noon. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church is on Wednesday 7th January. Everyone is welcome.

SANDRA AND RUTH would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

HEARTS AND HANDS I am delighted to tell you that the previous art workshop has been extended into 2026. This is due to the huge success of the project this last year. We will restart on FRIDAY 9th January 2026 at St James's - 12.30 lunch and 13.00 workshop for 7 weeks. See posters for more details. Loraine.

SOCIAL SATURDAY 10th January 2026. 10.00-12.00 at St James's, join us for a morning of fun and games this time. How about a Beetle Drive, or a game of scrabble or cards, or maybe just a chat with friends over a coffee?

YOUNG at HEART at St Hugh's is a monthly group for the Over 60s. We meet on the first Monday of every month from 2pm to 4pm to enjoy a speaker, armchair travel, new crafts, a themed quiz and refreshments. Our next meeting is on 5th January when we will be looking at ways to keep happy and healthy in the winter months. £2 per person. Everybody welcome.

FOOD BANK/WARM SPACE at The St Hugh's Centre will be back after the Christmas/New Year break on Wednesday 7th January. The Food Bank is open every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm and the Warm Space is also open Wednesdays, 9am to 1pm.

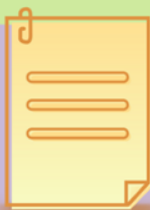


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