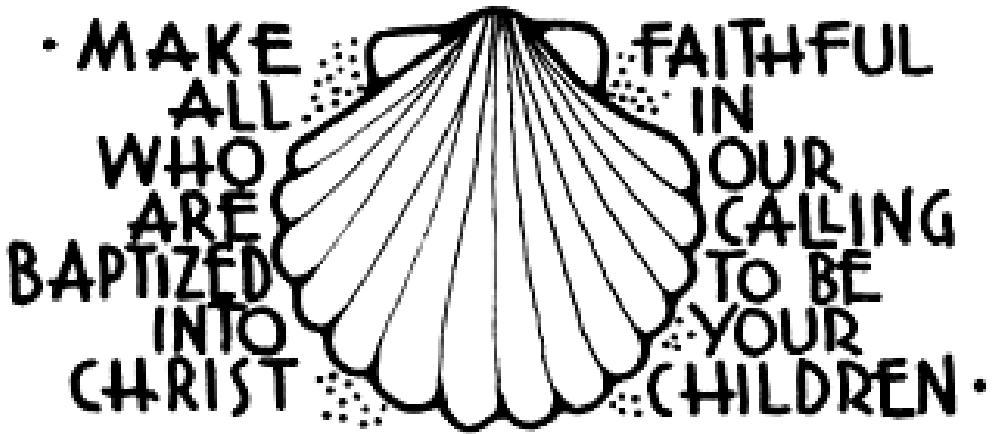




St John's Church, Baildon



**Eucharist on the Festival
of the Baptism of Christ with
Renewal of Baptism Vows**

on

Sunday 18th January 2026

Welcome

Hymn

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding-guest
in Thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine.
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now
and be pure as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany:
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

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

All Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is
proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you

All The Lord bless you.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

All and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

All and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

All and I will be your God.

cf Ezekiel

**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 Acts 10:34-43

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Lord in your mercy' 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.**

We remain in an attitude of prayer as we sing

**Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear
in him no sin is found we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him in faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Act of penitence and dedication

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by find delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.

We meet therefore as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant and our baptism promises which bind us to God. Let us seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim on us.

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

Silence is kept

All Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. Make in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit. Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

Please stand.

I invite you to affirm the words of faith into which you were baptised.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

The water is poured into the font with these words

God in Christ give us water welling up for eternal life, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptised in you.

All Blessed be God.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those
who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church.

All Alleluia. Amen.

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride. ‘Come forward, you who are
thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it’.
May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and
bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

*The people come to the Font, remembering and renewing their baptismal
promises. You may like to use the words ‘I remember and renew today my
baptism promises’.*

Notices are given.

The Peace

God has made us one Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a
pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our
hearts. Alleluia.

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.

Hymn *during this hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the Parish.
There will be a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you
prefer to donate in this way or you can use the QR code at the back of this
order)*

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember:
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.**

***So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.***

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.*

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.*

**And so with thankfulness and faith
we rise to respond: and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.**

*As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.*

Preparation of the Table

Taking the Bread and Wine

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptised into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All Amen.

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 him 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

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

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

Before the Distribution the president says

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. For reason 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

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The body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen.**

After the choir anthem please do join in with the singing of the hymn

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services next week 25th January 2026 (Conversion of St Paul)

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am Holy Communion at St James's
6.00pm Craft through Worship at St James

REFRESHMENTS There is tea or coffee available in the Hall after this service.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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. This restarted on FRIDAY 9th January 2026 at St James's - 1230 lunch and 1300 workshop for 7 weeks. See posters for more details. Loraine.

DOROTHY HOLDSWORTH It is also with sadness that we have told of the death of Dorothy. Dorothy attended St John's 8.30am service regularly for many years. Her Memorial Service is on Wednesday 28th January at 11.00am at St John's.

DEANERY SYNOD The next Deanery Synod for Aire and Worth Deanery is on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm. This meeting will be on zoom and I am delighted to say that Anna Dixon, our MP, will be joining us. It will be an opportunity to hear about her work as our MP and for us to ask questions. If you would like a zoom link, please let me know and I will forward it to you. Sandra.

JULIAN MEETING The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. These meetings explore encouraging ways of incorporating contemplative prayer in daily life. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS SCENE DISMANTLE The time has come to dismantle Father Christmas Grotto on the stage at St John's. We plan to do this on Sunday 25th January after the Sunday morning service. As usual, many hands make light work, so if you are able to give a hand even for a short while that would be much appreciated.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP Our theme for 2026 is 'Peace' and we are going to be working in a different way this year. For our time together gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 25th January at 6pm we are making an opportunity to come and create work based on the words of Jesus, 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. Everyone is welcome, bringing their own crafting resources with which to work on an idea based on these words. The week before, a Biblical reflection looking at what it might mean to make peace close to home, will be sent out by email to encourage our thinking. Please get in touch with Ruth on ruthjeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive the Biblical reflection.



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