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## **Services next week 1st February 2026 Celebrating Candlemas**

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

10.00am      Family Service at St John's

9.30am      Service of the Word at St Hugh's

### **Hymn**

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**O, may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

In 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.**

## **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, 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.**

## **Collect**

### **Reading** Acts 9:1-22

*At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

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.  
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to see my sin upon that cross.

*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.*

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.  
**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 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

To the words ‘Lord, here I am’ would be please respond ‘**I commit myself to your service**’. *At the end*

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

## Prayers of Penitence

Come, Holy Spirit of God,  
**All and search our hearts with the light of Christ.**

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived, but now we are alive together with Christ.  
Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father, to whom we humbly confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*After a period of reflection*

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

The children are welcomed from their worship and the notices are given.

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.*

**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)**

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

‘Tis mystery all; the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -  
so free, so infinite his grace -  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee!

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it*  
Almighty Father, as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our  
redemption may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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

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. 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*

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 join in with the singing of the hymn

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God.  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree:  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the glove is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## 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

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;**  
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.  
**Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,**  
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,**  
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
**This call is ours, for we are chosen too,**  
To live for God in all we say and do.

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,**  
From death's despair the gift of life restored;  
**Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,**  
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;**  
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;  
**Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,**  
The Kingdom's harvest from the Kingdom's seeds.

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,**  
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
**Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,**  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

## NOTICES

**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 - 12.30 lunch and 13.00 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.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more and receive the Biblical reflection.

## **PARISH PRIZE DRAW January Parish Prize Draw – results**

The January Prize Draw has taken place, raising £228.46 for the Parish. Thank you to everyone who supports this important fundraiser.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st prize (£50) – No. 3

2nd prize (£29) – No. 21

3rd prize (£12) – No. 9

£96 has been rolled over for the Annual Bonus Draw, taking place in December.

New entrants are always welcome. For just £10 per month per number, you can support the Parish and be in with a chance of winning. The draw takes place on the first Sunday of each month in St John's Church Hall, following the Family Service.

Find out how to join here:

<https://parishofbaildon.uk/prizedraw>

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION** The next midweek communion service at St James's will be on Wednesday 4th February at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.



# Supporting the Parish

You can **make a difference** by supporting the work of our parish. You can now donate in more ways to suit you

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