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Services next Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Holy Communion at St James's

Hymn

**Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where peoples own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
lands shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat their sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of peace, and reign!**

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

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

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

Reading 2 Peter 1.16 - 21

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

When Christ appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
and your justice as the great deep: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

As Christ is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves
pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Period of silent reflection

**All God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn
from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and
are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of
Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us
to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord Amen.**

May almighty God cleanse you from your sin and make you worthy
of the kingdom of his glory.

All Amen.

The notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ will transfigure our human body and give it a form
like that of his own glorious body.

We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share with 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)

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 power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light

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.....

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

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light

Preparation of the Table

Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day, and bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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 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

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

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer 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.

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Lent begins this week

REFRESHMENTS There is tea and coffee, available in after this service in the Church Hall.

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

MESSY CHURCH Calling all families! Our next Messy Church session is today at 4pm when our theme will be Love as the date is the day after Valentine's Day!

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.

PANCAKE PARTY As in previous years you are all invited to our Pancake Party at St James's Church on Tuesday 17th February from 6pm. It's a great time to come together, to feast on pancakes as we move into Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY starts the season of Lent and in the Parish there will be two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes in the Parish. St James's will hold a service at 12 noon and St John's at 7.30pm

CHARITABLE GIVING QUESTIONNAIRE We are a generous parish and our charitable giving makes a real difference to a range of causes. We are looking for one or two new charities to refresh our monthly portfolio of causes which the parish supports. If you would like to suggest a worthwhile charity for consideration then please complete the questionnaire by the end of February and hand it to one of the Wardens on duty at worship. Thank you.

LEONARD MORRIS It was with sadness that we received the news of Leonard's death. He has been a faithful members of the parish community, usually worshipping at St James' and St Hugh's with his wife Doreen. His funeral will take place at St James' Church on Tuesday 17th February at 1pm. Let us offer Doreen and Leonard's family and all who will miss him our love and prayers at this time.

BABY AND TODDLER "PLAY & DISCOVER" SESSIONS, ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY HUB We are planning to start these new sessions each Monday morning from 09.00-10.45 from the 9th March 2026. Whilst there will be two staff members there each week, in order for it to run efficiently we are looking for a team of volunteers to help with the setting up of the church with the toys and activities, making tea,

coffee, juice, toast in the lounge and generally being around for extra pairs of hands. We would only need two volunteers each week from 08.15 -11.00 so if we have a number of people willing to go on a rota system you would only be required now and again. Are you up for it? To help to make this happen please have a word with Loraine Radcliffe 07960 018025 if you are and let's get together to offer a lovely opportunity for local children to come to have fun!

LENT CONVERSATIONS Lent will soon be upon us; a season in the church year when we encourage one another to take time to deepen our faith and meet God afresh. One of the ways we can do this is to read a book in common with one another and share in conversation together. This year our thinking and conversations are going to be stimulated by David Ford's book 'Meeting God in John'. We will be meeting on Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March . There are two options - lunchtimes with a simple lunch at 12.30pm with conversations and a short video from 1pm until about 2.15pm and in the evenings at the Halfway House, with conversations over a drink (which doesn't have to be alcoholic) 7.30pm - 9.15pm. Whether or not you wish to join a group if you would like to purchase a copy of the book for £8.99 the please contact Rev Ruth or Carolyn (email Carolyn on cagomersal@hotmail.co.uk)

LENT BOOKLETS These are available in all churches today. They give all information of services and events from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day, so please make sure you take one and don't miss out on the wide variety of services and events taking place in the Parish over Lent.

LENT LUNCHES AND VOLUNTEERS In the Lent Booklet you will see that the Parish is running one Lent Lunch this year at St James's Church on Tuesday 3rd March. We need help in order to run this. Firstly if you are able to make some soup that would be great. Also we need help on the day to set out tables, serve our guests and put away afterwards. If you can help with any of all of this please let Sandra or Ruth know. Thanks.

JAR OF GRACE Once again in Lent we will be supporting the Jar of Grace Appeal for UNICEF, their work is explained in the Lent Booklet. On the Jar there is a prayer which you are invited to say before every meal in Lent and add your donation for their work. These will be collected in on Easter Sunday and a few weeks after. Please do give as generously as you are able.

DAFFODILS Once again this year we would love to be in a position to give away bunches of daffodils on Mothering Sunday, 15th March. If you would like to make a donation in order that we can do, please either hand cash to Sandra, Ruth or one of the Wardens or by BACS into our account with the reference DAFFS.

FREE TASTER FITNESS SESSION Would you like to come to a free taster session to sample some gentle dance and stretching exercises? Deana Morgan has been leading various successful dance and fitness sessions in Baildon since 2010 and she is well known for injecting fun and laughter into her sessions. You will be able to take part either seated or standing, they will improve your physical confidence, help with fall prevention, improve your balance and boost your overall health, all at your own pace with Deana giving easy to follow instructions. It will definitely be lots of fun and we may even have a sing along as well! St James's Hub, Wednesday 11th March 12.00 until 12.45. Please let Loraine know if you would like to come.

VISIT TO HIGH ROYDS MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND GROUNDS

There is a visit to this Chapel on Thursday 12th March at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to join this special visit hosted for us by Friends of High Royds. The chapel is considered unique for its history as a restored, consecrated and dedicated space serving the former Victorian psychiatric hospital located in the former asylums cemetery. There is no charge but it would be appreciated if donations could be made as our hosts are going to talk to us about the site and tea and coffee will be served. If you are interested in going please let Loraine know.



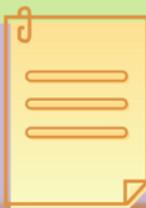
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