



## Parish of Baildon



**WELCOME TO OUR  
SERVICE FOR  
MOTHERING SUNDAY!**

**15th March 2026**

# Welcome, notices and Banns of Marriage

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise God who loves us

**All** Praise **God** who cares for us.

**Hymn**

*All our blessings, all our joys  
with thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
accept the praise we bring.*

**For parents and for children,  
for partners and for friends,  
for those whose care enfolds us  
with love that never ends.**

*All our blessings, all our joys ....*

**For fellowship and friendship  
for all we have to give,  
for those who've shared our journey  
and taught us how to live.**

*All our blessings, all our joys .....*

**For all who've shared our sorrow,  
walked with us in our pain,  
who've held our hand through darkness  
and showed us light again.**

*All our blessings, all our joys .....*

**In sacrifice and service  
your love is clearly shown,  
your outstretched arms embrace us  
to bring us safely home.**

*All our blessings, all our joys ....*

Today, Mothering Sunday, we not only thank our mothers for all they do for us, but also thank others who have supported us, including God.

Children from Messy Church are invited to the front and the paschal candle is lit.

We look at our church family around us

**All and we praise you, God, that you are with us in prayers and readings, in thoughts and words, in actions and laughter and song.**

Bless this morning as we share it with you.

**All Amen.**

## **Messy Church song**

### **Saying Sorry to God**

Loving God, you love us as good parents love their children.  
When we have not loved you:

**All forgive us.**

When we have not given our parents the love they have shown to us:

**All forgive us.**

When we have been angry with our brothers and sisters and other members of our family:

**All forgive us.**

When the example we have set before our children has been less than perfect:

**All forgive us.**

When we say sorry to God, he forgives us for those things we have done wrong and helps us to be better people in the future through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **Reading** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

### **Let's think about our flowers!**

**Choir anthem** The Lord bless you and keep you by John Rutter.

## **Baptism Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

## **Hymn**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, allelu, alleluia**

**Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find,  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Flower pots!** We now invite children to move to tables around the Church to make a little flower pots as they think about giving thanks for those who care for us. Those remaining in their seats are invited to chat with those around them about how your understanding of your mum changed as you've grown older? What has being a parent or carer taught you about love and patience?

## **Prayers**

**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 for give 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.**

## **Distribution of Flowers**

O God bless these flowers and bless our mothers. May these flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us and may they remind our mothers that we love them. Help us to always remember that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children.

**All Amen.**

*At the end of distribution we say*

**All Thank you God for the love of our mothers; thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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 will be the contactless giving machine available as you leave Church or please use the QR code at the back of this order*)

**You shall go out with joy,  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands  
and you'll go out with joy.**

## The Blessing

May the love of the Father fill our hearts;  
May the love of the Lord Jesus fill our homes;  
And may the grace of the Holy Spirit bind us  
together in love in our families and communities.  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you, and with those  
whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

**All Amen**

Sisters and brothers, both young and old,  
go in the peace of Christ!

**All Thanks be to God.**

## NOTICES

### Services in the Parish next week 22nd March

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

**REFRESHMENTS AT ST JOHN'S** everyone is welcome to the hall today to join us for refreshments.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday at St James's. Everyone is welcome.

**PALM SUNDAY** This is our joint parish service at St John's and will begin at the Stocks in the village at 9.50am. We will then process to the church waving our branches so please do remember to cut down some branches from your homes and bring them to wave!

**LAST WORDS OF LOVE** This year we are putting on this very moving act of worship on Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) at St John's at 4pm. The choir have been practising very hard for this service so please do come and support our choir.

**GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE** We will be putting on the Good Friday Pilgrimage at St John's again this year from 10.00am - 1.00pm. We do need people to steward this event, at least two people for every hour. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to help in this way.

**GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH HELPERS** In order to put on the lunch we need some volunteers to help with this event, put up tables, serve lunch and clear away afterwards. There's a sign up sheet or let Sandra or Ruth know if you can help. We begin set up at around 11am.

**EASTER DAY FLOWERS AT ST JOHN'S** Don't forget on Easter Day we bring our Christmas Cross alive again. Please bring small bunches of flowers to church to make sure this happens.

**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.

**CHOCOLATE HAMPER DRAW** Do get your tickets this morning for our Chocolate Hamper Draw. First prize is a luxury hamper, second prize is a £20 voucher kindly donated by Gather, with many other chocolate. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book from any choir member. We will draw this on Easter Day after the service, tickets to be drawn by mystery guest - watch this space!!

**CHOCOLATE DONATIONS** We are hoping to out-sell last year's 500 Chocolate Hamper Draw tickets to raise valuable funds for the parish. We need prizes! Can you help us by donating Easter eggs, boxes of chocolates, chocolate treats or anything connected with chocolate? There are collection boxes in each church for your kind donations

**JULIAN MEETING** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March at St James' Church at 2.00pm. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

**CONFIRMATION** Our Confirmation Service this year will be on Sunday 19th July at St John's Church in the afternoon. This is a Deanery Service so we will likely be joined by those across our deanery and beyond who wish to be confirmed. Please put this date in your diary as it would be lovely to come and support those in our parish making this amazing step on their Christian journey.

This is for anyone, no matter how old, who wants to make this public declaration of faith. This is open to any young people who are Year 6 (and regular church attenders) or above. If you would like to consider this please speak to Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.

**SPRING FORWARD!** Don't forget that on the 29th March our clocks go forward an hour.

**EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL CANCER CHARITY** Ladies, do you fancy some new clothes but have no room in your wardrobe? We are holding a 'Swishing Party' in St John's hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm to raise funds for Cancer Support Yorkshire, a small Bradford-based charity providing complementary therapy to support those undergoing treatment for cancer. Come along with up to three good quality items of women's clothing or accessories you no longer need and leave with the same number of items of your choice completely free of charge, and guilt-free knowing your unwanted items will be recycled. There will be light refreshments and we will be joined for a short, informative and entertaining presentation from the wonderful Breast Care team at St Luke's hospital. Tickets price £10 are available in advance from Sheila Matthews or, subject to availability, at the door. Contact: matthewssheila@hotmail.com Tel. 01274 925576. In the meantime, now is the time to sort out your wardrobe. Additionally, if you have a portable clothes rail you would be willing to lend, please get in touch.



## Supporting the Parish

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