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Services in the Parish next week 29th March (Palm Sunday)

10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion at St John's
4.00pm Last Words of Love at St John's

Hymn

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Lift high the cross ...***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee: *Lift high the cross ...***

**Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Lift high the cross***

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Lift high the cross***

**For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

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.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. Lamentations 1:12

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.

The Collect

Reading Romans 8:6-11

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!**

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

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

**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 of life and love’ would you please respond ‘**Hear our prayer.**’ *At end of the prayers we say*

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

Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

**All Lord Jesus, you commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb,
yet we often prefer the comfort of our familiar tombs, wrapped
in the burial bandages of our sins, fears, and old ways. We
confess that we do not always want our lives restored or
transformed, fearing the vulnerability of new life. Lord, we have
doubted your timing, questioning why you have not intervened
sooner in our crises, and we have failed to see your glory in our
suffering. Forgive us for our unbelief. Unbind us, Lord, from
the chains of our past, and call us out into the brightness of your
grace. Amen**

A moment of silence and stillness for prayer and reflection

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace, and know that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The children join us from their worship, notices and Banns of Marriage are read.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

Hymn (*during which a collection will be taken for the work of this Parish. At the end of the service the contactless giving machine will be available at the back of church or please use the QR code on the back of this order*)

**How deep the Father's love for us
how vast beyond all measure
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross
my sin upon his shoulders,
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished
his dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

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. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens 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 with the singing of this hymn

**Soften my heart, Lord
soften my heart;
from all indifference set me apart;
to feel your compassion
to weep with your tears
come soften my heart, O Lord
soften my heart.**

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

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown.....***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown.....***

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown.....***

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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

ELECTORAL ROLL We are now reviewing our Electoral Roll to make sure it is up to date and everyone who is a member of the Parish, over 16 years of age and baptised is on the Roll. If you have never been asked then there is a form to complete and returned to either the Electoral Roll Officer (Carol Jennings) or to Canon Sandra. Please do check on the list at the back of church to make sure that you are on the list.

APCM this is an important meeting in the Church's year when we look back at 2025 and forward. The meeting this year is Monday 20th April at 7.30pm at St John's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

At the APCM we will also be inviting people to come onto the PCC of the Parish. This is governing body of the Church and it is therefore important that we have representatives of the three churches. All three churches currently have vacancies so please do think and pray about whether you might serve the parish in this way. People serve for a term of 3 years.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BAILDON (CITB) – GOOD FRIDAY: WALKING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to gather outside St. Aidan's Church at 8.45am (for 9am) on Good Friday (3rd April). We are going to walk gently up Baildon Road, and Browgate, arriving at the Methodist Church around 10.15am. We will be carrying a large wooden cross and praying the stations at various locations along the route, including outside all churches which form CTB. Refreshments and café worship at the Methodist Church from 10.15am. All are most welcome.

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.

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

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 next Sunday, 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 18th 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion at St John's (starting at 9.50am at the Stocks in the village)

4.00pm Last Words of Love at St John's

Tuesday 31st March at St John's

7.30pm Sounds of Holy Week

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) at St John's

7.30pm Holy Communion including sharing a light supper together as we journey together to Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at St John's

9.00am Walk of Witness from St Aidan's Church

10.00am- 1.00pm Good Friday Pilgrimage

2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

6.30am Dawn Service at St John's followed by breakfast

8.30am Easter Communion at St John's

9.30am Easter Communion at St Hugh's

10.00am Easter Communion at St John's with Sunday School followed by the Easter Egg Hunt

10.30am Easter Communion at St James's

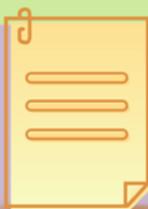


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