



**26th April 2026**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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### **Services in the Parish next Sunday 3rd May 2026**

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's (traditional language)  
9.30am Service of the Word at St Hugh's  
10.00am Family Service for Christian Aid at St John's

### **Hymn**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we could take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of 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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **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 2: 42 - 47

*Please sit for the reading. At the end the reader says*

For the gift of you holy word

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

**All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord;  
who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship him alone.**

**I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile man to God  
Forever you will be  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship you alone.**

## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**All Alleluia.**

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 'Good Shepherd' would you please respond '**Hear our prayer**'. *And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## **Prayers of Penitence**

**All Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.  
In the midst of your many blessings,  
we complain of not having enough.  
In the presence of danger,  
we fail to trust your abiding love.  
When you set a table before us,  
we turn aside from you.  
Call us back into your care  
and help us trust your caring presence,  
that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.**

*A period of silence for reflection and prayer*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

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, or give via the QR code on the back of this order)*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
his goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in you alone  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights**

*And I will trust in you alone .....*

**And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.**

*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone.  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**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

Rejoicing in God's new creation 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 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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 do join in with the singing of the hymn

**Restore, O Lord,  
the honour of your name!  
In works of sovereign power  
come shake the earth again,  
that all may see  
and come with reverent fear  
to the living God,  
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.**

**Restore, O Lord,  
in all the earth your fame,  
and in our time revive  
the church that bears your name,  
and in your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
whose mercy shall outlast the years.**

**Bend us, O Lord,  
where we are hard and cold,  
in your refiner's fire  
come purify the gold:  
though suffering comes  
and evil crouches near,  
still our living God  
is reigning, he is reigning here.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post-Communion prayer is said*

**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

At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners,  
unto whom he came.  
faithfully he bore it,  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

Surely this Lord Jesus  
shall return again  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train,  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

## The Dismissal

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

# NOTICES

**CHRISTIAN AID** During May we are going to be thinking and praying about the work of Christian Aid, which will also be our charity for the month. There will be a service in each church in which we will share and celebrate the difference Christian Aid makes around the world; with devotional booklets available to engage further at home. Donations can be made through charity cash envelopes or through the Parish account using the reference CAID.

**PCC APPOINTMENTS** At the Annual Meeting on Monday 20th April, David Farrell and Denise Hopker were elected as Parish Wardens for the Parish of Baildon for the coming year. My thanks go to Denise for all her hard work in the previous year.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF MAY** There are five Sundays in May so our service on 31st May will be Holy Communion at St Hugh's Church at 10.00am.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** Everyone is welcome to join us at St James' Church lounge for coffee and a chat from 10am - 12noon every week.

**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.

**UNICEF JAR OF GRACE** During Lent we collected money for UNICEF using the Jar of Grace. It is now time to collect these in so please bring your jar or money to church during April.

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL** If you would like to support our Charity of the Month, Cancer Support Yorkshire, there is still time to make a donation. Payment may be made at any time during the month of April by bank transfer using the code CSY as your reference. Alternatively, donations may be handed in at any of our churches on or before next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. It would be helpful if donations, preferably cash, could be in a sealed envelope marked 'Cancer Support Yorkshire'.

**THY KINGDOM COME 2026** We can join a global ecumenical wave of prayer 14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day - 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost. Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church is invited to pray in this time that friends, family members and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Each of us is encouraged that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who we will commit to pray for specifically in this time. Please begin to think about who you might pray for. There will be a beautiful prayer booklet you can use on the theme of *God with Us* for these nine days written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. For more information go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

**'MEETING GOD IN JOHN'** During Lent we held conversations exploring Part 1 of David Ford's book Meeting God in John. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we are going to be offering the opportunity to explore Part 3 of the book designed to look at during the Easter season. We will be meeting at St James' in the lounge for a simple lunch at 12.30 and then exploring Part 3 (with maybe a nod to the Appendices!) Please would you let Revd Ruth know if you plan to come to the session including lunch.

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm start, ticket price to include supper - £5 adult £3 children. As the evenings are getting lighter the Parish Events Group are starting our 2026 events with a Family Quiz Night at St John's Church Hall. Please come along to support us, the door and bar will open at 5.30pm, quiz to start at 6pm. There will also be a raffle and picture quiz. Tickets available in our churches from today or contact Julie Coles, [julie56uk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julie56uk@hotmail.co.uk).

**BEAF MEETING** Twice a year Bishop Toby invites the whole Episcopal Area to a meeting and one of these meetings will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at All Saints, Ilkley. We start at 10am when we look at the encouragements we have seen in our parishes and we will do this as Aire and Worth Deanery. Then we will join all the deaneries together for some worship and an opportunity to share across the Episcopal Area. Everyone is welcome and if you would like a lift please either email or speak to Canon Sandra.

**JULIAN MEETING** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**MIDDAY COMMUNION** at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 6th May. Everyone is welcome.

**NURTURE COURSE** - we are going to be running this course for anyone who would like to discover more about their faith. It will be held at St James' Church in the Lounge on Tuesday evenings beginning on 26th May through till 24th June (apart from the 4<sup>th</sup> week which will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. We will gather at 7.00pm for coffee and cake/ dessert and then spending time together talking about God and faith for about 1 hr 15mins. If you would like to come on the course please get in touch with Canon Sandra, Revd Ruth or Carolyn our LLM.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BAILDON** Our Annual Meeting this year is on Tuesday 19th May at 7.45pm at St John's Cranmer Room. This meeting will look back over the year that has been and look to the future. This is very important meeting as it consider whether we are continue with Churches Together. Over the past years numbers on the committee have decreased and so this meeting is your chance to have your say as to whether we continue. Everyone is welcome, please do come and have your say.



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