



Confirmation Service

celebration
total belonging to Christ
receiving special strength
enrolled into God's service
deepening of grace
you will be clothed with power from on high
receiving the mark of the Holy Spirit
anointing *an outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 19th July 2026

3.00pm

Please pray for all those who are to be confirmed this morning

**Robyn Cooper
Poppy Little
Violet Nelson
Poppy-Mae Rickaby
Arabella Tottle**

**Karlene Robinson
Liam Robinson
Peter Walker**

Please note no photography or videography should take place during the service. Bishop Toby will be pleased to pose with the candidates for photographs after the service.

You are all warmly invited to stay for a drink and cake after the service in the Church Hall.



Welcome, Banns of Marriage and notices

The Rev Canon Sandra Benham, Vicar.

Hymn

**God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe.**

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Bishop There is one body and one spirit
All There is one hope to which we are called;

Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All one God and Father of all.

Bishop Peace be with you
All and also with you.

Introduction by the Bishop

The Gloria

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.

The Collect (or special prayer for today)

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading Gen 28:10-19a

At the end

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.
And I'll never know how much it cost
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.***

Gospel Reading *please remain standing*

All Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord.

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon The Right Reverend Dr Toby Howarth, Acting Bishop of Leeds

Presentation of the Candidates

All candidates stand. The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?
Candidates **I have.**

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your
own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?
Candidates **I am.**

Bishop People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?
All **With the help of God, we will.**

Testimony is given by the candidates

The Decision *The Paschal Candle is lit.*

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Candidates Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Candidates **I repent of them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Candidates **I turn to Christ.**

Bishop Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Candidates **I come to Christ.**

Bishop May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the Way.
All **Amen.**

The Bishop leads the candidates to the font as we sing

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost loved
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

Everyone turns to face the font and the Bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Profession of Faith

Bishop Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The candidates sign themselves with the sign of the cross with the holy water.

Bishop Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of
faith with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be
made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The candidates return to their places as we sing

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Confirmation *please be seated, except the candidates who remain
standing*

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed

Bishop Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All Amen.

The candidates are presented to the Bishop.

The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and also anoints them with the oil of chrism.

Bishop (N), God has called you by name and made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Bishop invites prayer for all who have been confirmed

**All Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your
heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for
ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and
more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Bishop God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to
dwell in our hearts.

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, with a handshake or other greeting.

Thanks to Katie Savage who is leaving Baildon Church School at the end of this academic year

Offertory Hymn *Please put your envelope giving into the plate as usual. At this service we also ask for a donation to our Link Diocese of Sudan. With the service sheet you were given a gift aid envelope. If you are UK tax payer please place your donation in the envelope, fill out the details asked for and place it in the collection plate as it comes round during this hymn. All cash donations received today will be given to the Diocese of Sudan. If you miss the collection baskets there is a plate for your donation as you leave Church. Please be as generous as you can, the Christians in Sudan are marginalised and oppressed in their own country, yet maintain their faith in Christ with great courage.*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
'till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified
for every sin on him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand:
'till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

The Preparation of the Table

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields, and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*

During the Eucharistic Prayer we invite you to put down your order of service and become involved in the words and actions and the Great Thanksgiving the prayer of the holy community of God's people, no longer my prayer, but our prayer.

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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

All Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

Please sit

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The 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.**

Everyone is very welcome to come and receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. This part of the service is when we come together as family to receive God's gifts and to remember his love for us. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens. For reason of hygiene the Church of England does not encourage 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. 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.**

If you wish to have prayer for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, or for prayer, please go to St George's Chapel.

During the distribution of Communion the choir will sing an anthem and then please join in with the singing of the Communion hymns.

Communion Hymns *Please remain seated*

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
my highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make his will my home.**

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop God of mercy, by whose grace alone we are accepted and
equipped for your service: stir up in us the gifts of your Holy
Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; that we may bring
forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**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.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The newly confirmed are given a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us all a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ, walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Sending Out

The Commission

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you today and always.

All 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 Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

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

IF MY PEOPLE PRAY' We gather weekly at 12 noon in the Cranmer Room for a time for prayer. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about 20 minutes to ask God for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon us as we seek to share the good news of God's love with those around us.

FREE BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE at St James's Hub, on Saturday 25th July. Have you ever felt that you would like to learn the basics of first aid, just in case it's ever needed ?Well, this is your chance. Join us for our FREE Community First Aid Skills event and learn practical, hands-on skills that could make all the difference in an emergency – no previous experience needed.

Sessions will last 2 hours and new sessions will begin hourly from 9:00am throughout the day. There will be a sign up sheets on the day at the church for later sessions so you can plan your day.

You'll learn:

- ✓ CPR and AED
- ✓ Choking Response
- ✓ Recovery Position
- ✓ Wounds
- ✓ Burns

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a certificate at the end of the training.

YORKSHIRE NIGHT Once again this year we are delighted that Mike and Tish Lawson are running their very popular Yorkshire Night at St John's Church Hall on Saturday 1st August. There will be quiz on Yorkshire as well as a presentation of old Baildon photographs and Yorkshire seaside holidays. The cost is £12 which will include a pie and peas supper and tickets can be obtained from Mike and Tish Lawson and

in the churches. There will also be a raffle and the bar will be open.

RAFFLE FOR YORKSHIRE NIGHT It would be great if you were able to donate a prize for the raffle on this night. There will be a box at the back of Church to receive your donation.

SOCIAL SATURDAY AT ST JAMES'S HUB. Please note there will be no Social Saturday in July but the next date for your diaries is Saturday 8th August when we will have the Denso Marston Nature Reserve Warden, Steve Warrillow as our guest speaker. Steve and some of his volunteers will give an insight into what the project is all about and at the end of the event, those who want to take a walk over to the nature reserve will be treated to a guided walk. As usual, tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

DANCE WITH DEANA AT ST JAMES'S HUB Due to the hot and humid weather conditions, which are having an impact on the attendance at the dance classes, it had been decided to suspend them until Wednesday 9th September when, hopefully things will have cooled down! Thank you to all who have supported these classes. They are being enjoyed by many regulars each week and we hope when we return in September that we get a few new faces as well. Loraine.

WINE INTO WATER - We are welcome to join Martin and Trish Short for Lunchtime Drinks on Saturday 15th August, 12 - 2pm at 11 Coach Road, Baildon BD17 5JE. This fundraiser will be supporting our August charity of the month **Water Aid**. This is a free TICKET ONLY event. Donations will be welcome on the day - cash or cheques only Please save the date in your diary now. Let's raise a glass and funds for clean water!

MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 5th August. Everyone is welcome.

ANGELS ANNOUNCE As we prepare for Christmas we are going to be giving away angels with invitations to join us to share in the good news of Christmas. If you knit or crochet and would be willing to create ornament-size white/cream angels, patterns will soon be available. Please get in touch with Revd Ruth.



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