



Joint Parish Service

St John's, Baildon

Sunday 30th August 2026

The Gathering

Hymn

**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.**

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.

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.

The Collect or special prayer for today

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading Romans 12:9-end

At the end of the reading the reader will say

For the gift of your holy word.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave,
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think til death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.**

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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 stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers end with

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him saying 'God forbid it Lord'

All Lord forgive us when we rebuke your truth. Like Peter, we want a crown without a cross. We confess that we often desire a faith that demands nothing, costs nothing, and changes nothing.

Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things'.

All Forgive us, Lord, for setting our minds on human things. We confess our obsession with security, comfort, and the praise of this world. We have allowed our desires to become a stumbling block to your kingdom.

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'

All Forgive us, Lord, for choosing the broad and easy path. We have withheld our time, our resources, and our hearts. We have refused to deny ourselves, fearing what we might lose if we truly follow you.

'For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?'

All We confess that we have tried to save our lives while losing our souls. We have chased the empty gains of this world and neglected the eternal weight of your glory. Break our hold on the things that perish, and help us find our true life in you.

A period of silence for personal reflection

Hear the good news: Christ came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. To all who truly repent and turn to him, he grants full pardon and peace. Arise and follow him, for your sins are forgiven.

All Amen. Thanks be to God.

Notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Spirit brings love, generosity and peace.

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.

Hymn (*during which a collection is taken for the work of this parish. The contactless giving machine is available at the back of church if you would prefer to donate in this way or please use the QR code at 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.**

Preparation of the Table

The prayer of preparation of the table is said.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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

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

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.**

Angus 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

Before the Distribution the president says

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 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.**

During the communion after the choir anthem please join in with singing

**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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,

**All 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,

All 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;

All we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

All so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

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,***

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

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week 5th September 2026

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

REFRESHMENTS Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE at St James's Church. Do you fancy a chat with friends in a lovely setting? Do join us from 10.00am - 12 noon every Wednesday.

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.

We do recognise that sometimes it is possible for people to join together for prayer. In these circumstances we would like to encourage you to join us prayer by stopping to pray every Tuesday around 12 noon. Over the next few weeks we will produce some prayer cards for you to use.

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 are available.

WATER AID Thanks go to Martin and Trish Short for hosting 'Wine into Water'; a most enjoyable and successful fundraising event. You can continue to make donations to Water Aid, our charity of the month via the Parish Account as usual, with the reference WaterAid.

DANCE WITH DEANA this popular activity restarts at St James's Hub on Wednesday 9th September from 12.00 - 12.45pm.

SOCIAL SATURDAY the next Social Saturday at St James's Hub is on 12th September from 10.00 - 12noon. Our time together on Saturdays continues with our guest speaker Liz Sharp, whose talk is entitled "Laughter with Liz". Come along and listen to Liz when she will have us laughing with a selection of anecdotes, jokes and stories to brighten our Saturday morning. As usual tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

HARVEST our Harvest Festival in the Parish will be on Sunday 4th October. At St John's we will celebrate this festival with a Family Service at 10am and then afterwards we will share together a Bring and Share Lunch.

HARVEST GIFTS AND MONEY As usual in our Harvest Festival services there will be an opportunity to bring food. This year all of the food will be given to our Food Bank which is currently low in stock as demand is increasing. Below is the list of food which they are short of

- Tinned food - soup, meat, tuna, vegetables, baked beans, fruit and pasta.
- UHT milk
- Tea and coffee
- Biscuits

We will also be collecting gifts of money and we have decided that this year to raise money for the charity Soil Association. They say 'We are the leading food and farming charity. We're on a mission to fix food and farming for all, the nature-friendly way.' They champion Nature and Climate, Food, Farming and Forestry, and Organic Farming. Find out more on their website <https://www.soilassociation.org>.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP restarts at St James's Hub on Monday 14th September from 9.00 - 11.00am.

EXPLORE PRAYER CARDS - At the back of each Church you will find some Explore Cards. You are very welcome to have a look and take 7 them if you would like one or you know of someone who might find them helpful. They offer some thought-provoking images, simple but profound words to help anyone to express their feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these free.

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