



St John's Parish Church, Baildon



Sunday 6th September 2026

10.00am

Welcome, notices and introduction

Hymn

Welcome everybody! Today we are learning about how Jesus wants us to live together in peace. Jesus promised that when we gather together, he is right here with us. Let's reach out to our those around us as we say

Wherever two or three are gathered in Jesus' name...

All Jesus is right here with us!

Even when we disagree or have arguments...

All Jesus is right here with us!

Let us worship God together.

All Amen.

Hymn

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken;
bind us together, Lord
bind us together,
bind us together with love.*

**There is only one God,
there is only one King.
there is only one Body,
that is why we sing.**

Bind us together, Lord,

**Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son.
Born with the right to be clean,
for Jesus the victory has won.**

Bind us together, Lord,

**You are the family of God,
you are the promise divine,
you are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine.**

Bind us together, Lord,

Saying sorry

Sometimes, we say or do things that hurt our friends, our families, and God. Instead of talking nicely, we might shout, gossip, or ignore people. Let's take a moment of quiet to think about times this week when we didn't choose peace.

Keep a brief moment of silence. You might like to place your hands over your hearts.

Loving God, when we are angry and say mean words.

All We are sorry. Help us make peace.

When we hide our hurt feelings instead of talking honestly.

All We are sorry. Help us make peace.

When we don't listen to others or refuse to share.

All We are sorry. Help us make peace.

God loves us so much. When we say sorry, God completely wipes the slate clean. God forgives you, loves you, and fills you with the Holy Spirit to try again today.

All Amen! Thank you, God!

What can we throw away?

Hymn

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

***Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Bible reading Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples 'If another person does something that hurts you, go and talk to them privately. Tell them how you feel, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won a friend!

If they won't listen, take one or two other trusted friends with you so they can help you talk it out.

Remember this: whenever two or three of you gather together because you love, me, I am right there in the middle of you.

How can we mend what we need to?

Activity the children are now invited to go to St George's Chapel where they will find paper people. They are invited to take 3 people, one to draw and colour as themselves and the other two to make as people maybe they have a bit of disagreement with this week. At the end they can be joined together with glue!

Whilst the children are engaged in their activity, I invite everyone else to chat with those around them about this issue of dealing with disagreements. You might like to think around the following questions -

What does good communication look or feel like?
How do you deal with conflict and do you do it well?
What happens when you cannot all agree?
How easy do you think it is to put into practice what Jesus teaches?
Consider the difference between resolving a conflict and winning an argument.

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.

Prayers

With your orders of service you were given two paper chains, I invite you, for our prayers, to write on the each one either the name of a person that you have had a disagreement with or a situation you may have wished you had handled better. It would be good to keep this as personal as you can rather than thinking about conflicts on a national or worldwide arena. Once you have finished, join your chains together and then link them to people in your row. There are spare chains for links. Once you have a row please bring them forward to the altar where we will join them together.

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.

Sharing the peace Jesus showed us that peace starts with us. Let us turn to each other and share a sign of peace.

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace.

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 or on the back of the service you will find a QR code. This is a great way to give and offers the option of Gift Aid.*

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Oh
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching Oh
We are marching in the light of God.**

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the power of God...

Sending Out and Blessing

Dear God, thank you for making us a family. Thank you that Jesus walks with us every day. Help us to problem-solvers, kind listeners, and peacemakers wherever we go this week.

All Amen.

May God the Father bless you. May Jesus the Son guide your steps and may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with peace.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week 13th September

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Service of the Word at St James's

REFRESHMENTS Please do join us for refreshments after this service

MESSY CHURCH Our next session of Messy Church is on Sunday 20th September. There will be crafts, Bible story and a hot meal for the children. All families welcome.

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.

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 next Family Service will be 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.

AUTUMN ONE POT WONDERS At the next meeting of St Hugh's Young at Heart group we are enjoying a cooking demonstration followed by a tasting session. With the focus on easy one pot dishes which feel cosy this autumn, you will also receive a recipe booklet so you can recreate the dishes at home. Join us on Monday 7th September from 2pm to 4pm for the demonstration, followed by a quiz and refreshments. Sessions cost £2 per person. The group meets monthly on the first Monday. Forthcoming meetings: 5th October Art Workshop with Pete and Kate Readman; 2nd November Wildlife on the Western Front with Steve Warrilow.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS We are very grateful for the many people across the parish who contribute in so many ways to enable our worship week by week. One of these roles is to help distribute the bread and wine. As we have a number of new people taking this role, we are running a session to meet with everyone from our three churches and chat through what this role entails and refresh our ideas. There will be two sessions on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm and Tuesday 22nd September at 10am. Both of these will be at St John's.

MIDDAY COMMUNION at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 7th October. This month we welcome the Revd Professor Ken Medhurst and the Revd June Medhurst who will share in offering this Communion service as they look to the completion of their formal ordained ministry under licence to the Bishop of Leeds at the end of the year. Everyone is welcome to attend this service. In November there will be a opportunity to come together for a thanksgiving for ministry at St John's Church.

ST HUGH'S SUMMER LUNCHBOX SCHEME St Hugh's Summer Lunchbox Scheme has run again during the school summer holidays, helping local families who face the extra challenge of feeding their children when free school meals are not available. Working with our local primary schools, as well as families who use our food bank, we identified families in Baildon who would benefit from some additional support over the holidays. This year, we were delighted to provide help to 20 families, including 54 children, supplying an amazing 3,240 meals in total. Each family received nutritious lunchbox food, including plenty of

fresh fruit as well as snacks, helping to provide children with healthy and varied food throughout the holidays. The scheme cost £1,600, and we are extremely grateful to Baildon Town Council's Skylark Fund, a private donor, and The Butterfield Trust for their generous grants, which made the scheme possible.

A huge thank you goes to Anthea Petts, who worked her socks off to make the scheme happen! She was supported with shopping and packing by her husband, Michael, and granddaughter, Emily Woodhead.

We are also very grateful to our team of volunteer shoppers: Alison Boggie, Lesley Hallas, Sheila Binns, Heather Hows and Madeleine Sheen. Thank you all for giving your time and energy so generously. It certainly wasn't anyone's first rodeo - everyone has supported the scheme over the past few years, and their experience and commitment make such a difference. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who has helped make the Summer Lunchbox Scheme possible.

Together, we have helped make sure that local children have had access to good food throughout the school holidays. Thank you, Sarah.



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