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Celebrating Generosity Week

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Services in the Parish next week 4th October Harvest Festival

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

Hymn

**O Lord God your many blessings
fill our hearts with thanks and praise:
may this earth with all its wonders
and the moments of our days.
Be used wisely for your glory
and to meet our neighbour's need;
Lord, so generous in giving,
save us all from selfish greed.**

**Lord, we thank you for forgiveness,
all you give us through your Son;
may we learn to be forgiving
and to pray 'Your will be done.'
Lord, inspire us with your Spirit
as we listen to your Word;
keep us open to fresh vision
of your will for all the world.**

**Bearing one another's burdens,
Lord, we gladly intercede
for our sisters and our brothers,
those in any kind of need;
may our giving and receiving
teach us how our love may grow,
till in serving one another
heav'nly joy we come to know.**

**Hands outstretched receive communion.
may your grace our lives renew;
we would offer our commitment,
all we think or say or do;
once again sent out with blessings
we would serve you evermore,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
whom we worship and adore.**

In the name of the Father, and 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.

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by
always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every
good work.

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 2 Corinthians 9:6–11. *At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong'
Let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 boundless love’ would you please respond
‘hear our prayer’. *At the end*

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

Prayers of Penitence

Holy God, Mary poured out her most precious perfume, holding
nothing back from Jesus. We confess that we often clutch our
treasures tightly. We calculate our giving, and we offer you only our
leftovers.

All Lord, forgive our stinginess. Teach us to give with open hands.

Mary humbled herself, wiping Jesus' feet with her hair, unconcerned
with what others thought. We confess that we care too much about
our own status, our comfort, and our reputation.

All Lord, forgive our pride. Teach us to serve with humble hearts.

The fragrance of Mary's gift filled the entire room, bringing joy to all who were present. We confess that our selfishness often spreads bitterness, doubt, and division instead of the sweet aroma of your grace.

All Lord, forgive our self-centeredness. Fill our lives with the fragrance of your love.

Christ Jesus, you gave everything for us on the cross - your body, your blood, and your life. Receive our repentance today. Melt our cold hearts, break our defensive walls, and pour your generous mercy into our souls.

All Amen. Wash us clean, Lord, and make us truly generous.

(We pause for silent prayer and reflection)

Hear the good news!

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume, but the world is filled with the fragrance of Christ's forgiveness.

Jesus did not reject Mary's broken jar, and ye does not reject our broken hearts.

He took our stinginess, our pride, and our shortfalls to the cross, pouring out his life as the ultimate gift of generosity.

In Christ Jesus, your sins are completely washed away.

You are forgiven, renewed, and deeply loved.

All Thanks be to God! Amen.

The 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 and also with you.

All and also with you.

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. There is also a QR code at the back of this sheet).*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship his holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy Name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
for all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul sings your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**I'll worship your holy name, worship your holy name.
God, I'll worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.
I'll worship your holy name.
God, I'll worship your holy name.**

Preparation of the Table

**Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.**

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

Offering ourselves into the hands of God, 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 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

Each communicant responds **Amen.**

During communion please join in with singing the hymn below

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

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.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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

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.

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.

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>.

HARVEST BRING AND SHARE FOOD After our Harvest Festival at St John's there will be a bring and share lunch. It would be great to have an idea of what people are bringing. Either after this service or at coffee we have a sheet for you to add your contribution to the lunch.

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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT this year runs from 21 September to 4 October, during which there is a display in the window of Baildon Library explaining the benefits of Fairtrade, with the focus on fair pay for farmers and workers. Please consider buying an extra Fairtrade product or two : there are several varieties of tea, coffee and wine, plus sugar, biscuits, chocolate, bananas, tomatoes, flowers and much more on offer in Baildon Co-op. And other supermarkets are selling more and more FT products. Just look out for the Fairtrade logo.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Ruth and Alison will be offering safeguarding basic awareness training in St James's lounge on Wednesday 7th October and Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15, we will finish promptly at 9pm. You only need to attend one session. This training is helpful to anyone involved in parish life; lay eucharistic ministers, those who support the work in the care homes as well as sides people and those working with children. This isn't arduous or onerous but is certificated, it involves lots of group discussion and is really useful for anyone who feels it might help their ministry in our churches.

Please contact either of us for more information or to book a place.



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