

St James the Great, Daisy Hill

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PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

We will now receive Communion kneeling at the rail in a row. Please come up when directed, and take your place along the rail, either kneeling or standing, depending on your preference. The Priest and server will make their way along the line, please then leave back down the organ side of the chancel (not through the organ room as before). Communion will remain the same, if you wish to either take bread only or bread then shared cup, put out one hand. If you then wish to take wine, hold out your hands again as the server with the cup passes.

If you wish to stick with an intincted wafer, then the Priest will have a separate chalice in their hand, and will give you an intincted wafer, please hold both hands out for this option. Blessing stays the same, hands folded to receive a blessing.

Hymns

48	At the name of Jesus	(omit verses 3 and 4)
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87 Christ is our cornerstone

445 Meekness and Majesty

73 Bread of heaven on thee we feed

310 In Christ alone

The Collect

Eternal Father.

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet:

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Old Testament - Jeremiah 23.1-6

(Hazel Downs)

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

Therefore, thus says the Lord , the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord . Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord .

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46 (James Young)

A reading of Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,

but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world:

he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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ALL: Thanks be to God

Epistle - Colossians 1.11-20

(Steph Gregory)

The Epistle is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the

fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God**

Gospel - Luke 23.33-43

(Rev'nd Carol Pharaoh)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord ALL: Praise to you, O Christ

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Events at St John's Wingates.

A Wingates Christmas - Wingates Brass Band

Tuesday 9th December 8.00-10.00pm Doors open7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £10 Under 16s Free

Includes Refreshment

Please contact

stjohnswingates.wardens@gmail.com to

reserve tickets and pay on arrival.

Please note: a ticket must be reserved to guarantee entry. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus

We are supporting the Christmas Dinner on Jesus initiative again this year, it is organised by our local foodbanks and aims to give everyone who could not afford a Christmas dinner, the support they need at this time when we all celebrate. This year we are donating chocolate mints, if you are able to donate some please bring them to church as soon as possible and we will organise their transport to the collection point.

NOTICES

Toy Service This year the Toy Sevice is on Sunday 14th December, where we will continue supporting The Children's Society by sending simple toiletries for the society's "Away from home Children " of which sad to say there still many hundreds!

Also **Sarah Lodge** are always grateful for our gifts for the children resident there. Unfortunately we will not know the ages of the children until nearer the time as circumstances can always change. As you may remember Sarah Lodge is for mothers and their young children who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

PLEASE HELP. St. James has always been generous, we know times are hard for all of us but as it has been said "every little helps", and our gifts are always very much appreciated. Thank you.

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<u>Sunday Morning Refreshments</u> We are currently one short for our Coffee Rota. It is only once every six weeks, Any kind volunteers to help us out? Think about it and if you can help please mention it to Judith.

A Taizé Service will take place on Advent Sunday which is the 30th November, at 6.00pm in St James Church.

Ignite Youth

Next Ignite Youth - Christmas Party on 13th December 7pm.

RSVP igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

200 Club Winners

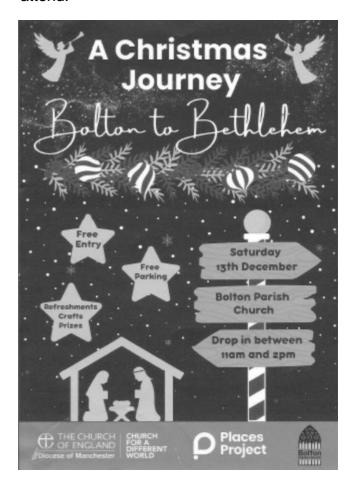
Aug: £50 C Power, £25 S Hurst, £10 K Dickie Sept: £50 K Downs, £25 J Smth, £10 D Kendall

Oct: £50 E Young, £25 N Edmundson, £10 C

Power

Wiggle Worship - Wednesdays during

term time. For all pre-school children, from babies to school age and their carers. Join Wiggle the bookworm with stories, crafts, songs, play and refreshments – no cost to attend.



<u>Open Doors</u> St. James Church 10 am-12 pm the first Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like.

Why not consider supporting St James' Church by standing order, it is much less fuss than bringing cash each week, and makes it easier for the Church and treasurer.

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