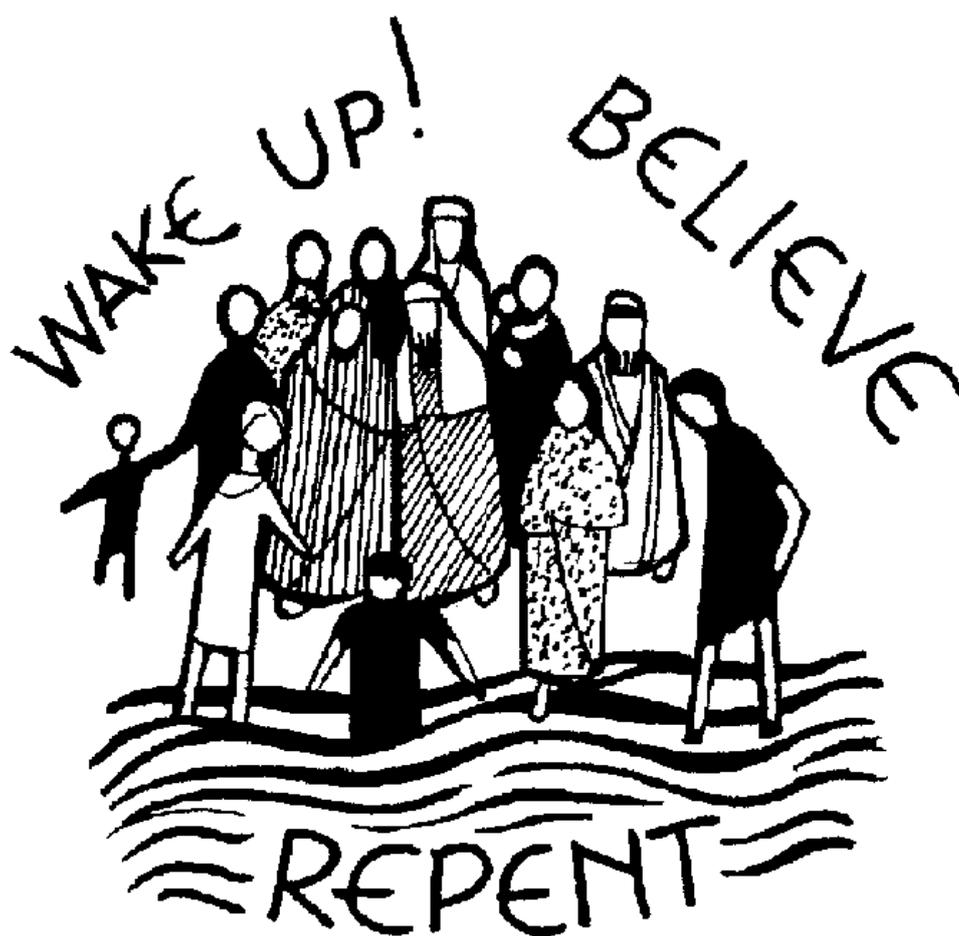


The Parish Church of St John
in the Yealands

The Season of Advent



The Eucharist

(Please do not remove this booklet)

Welcome to St John's Church and to our worship today

We gather as God's people to celebrate together the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek for 'thanksgiving' and it is thanksgiving for all that God has done for us that lies at the heart of this celebration. We respond to God's love for us by singing God's praises, by asking for forgiveness, by listening to God's Word in the scriptures, by praying for the world and by taking bread and wine as Jesus told us to do in remembrance of him. Through the Word and the Sacrament the living God revealed in Jesus the Christ is present in a very real way to feed and sustain God's pilgrim people.

- If you are new to the church please make yourself known to the Vicar, or to one of the Welcomers or Churchwardens.
- If you have small children with you a children's space is available in the north aisle.
- The Church is fitted with an induction loop for the hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' position.
- During the service please use whichever posture is most appropriate and comfortable for you. For instance, please feel able to remain seated when others are standing.

Thank you for your financial support of God's Church here at St John's. If you have brought a weekly planned giving envelope or wish to make a donation at this service, the collection is received during the offertory hymn. If you give online small cards are available to place in the collection basket to represent your giving.

If you wish to give online please follow the direction below.

The Season of Advent

Advent is the start of the Christian 'year'. It's a time of preparing and waiting, and a time of excitement, rich in traditions and customs.

Advent is the time when Christians prepare for Christmas - the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the coming of God into the human world as one of us, and what that means to us all.

Advent means 'coming'.

The Structure of the Service

The priest and people

The Gathering

- ◆ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ◆ confess their sin and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ◆ keep silence and pray a Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

- ◆ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ◆ pray for the Church and the world

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

- ◆ exchange the Peace
- ◆ prepare the table
- ◆ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ◆ break the bread
- ◆ receive communion

The Dismissal

- ◆ depart with God's blessing

The Gathering

*The people may be greeted informally and a **hymn** may be sung.*

The Greeting

The presiding minister may say

We meet in the name of the living God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The presiding minister continues

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

(or)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Further words of introduction may be said.

The candles on the Advent Ring may be lit and prayers said.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

**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.**

A minister introduces the confession with these or other suitable words

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

(or)

With suitable penitential sentences before each bidding

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presiding minister pronounces the absolution and all respond

All **Amen.**

The presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Between the readings a **psalm** may be read with a response to say together or an **anthem** may be sung;*

*a **hymn** may be sung after the readings.*

Gospel Reading

An acclamation heralds the reading using the following or other suitable words

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

cf Isaiah 40.3-5

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

After the sermon we keep a short time of quiet.

The Creed

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

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**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A minister introduces the prayers with these or other suitable words

Watchful at all times,
let us pray with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

(or)

In joyful expectation of his coming, let us pray to the Lord.

The prayers may include the response

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

and end with:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *cf Luke 1.78-79*

and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.

Prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The presiding minister says

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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 presiding minister praises God for God's mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The presiding minister recalls the Last Supper and an acclamation follows

Great is the mystery of faith:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All Christ has died:	Dying you destroyed our death,
Christ is risen:	rising you restored our life:
Christ will come again.	Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Christ is the bread of life:	Jesus Christ is Lord:
All When we eat this bread	Lord, by your cross and resurrection
and drink this cup,	you have set us free.
we proclaim your death,	You are the Saviour of the world.
Lord Jesus,	
until you come in glory.	

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

...in songs of everlasting praise:
**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

(or)

...for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
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 presiding minister 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.**

(or)

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung

**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**

(or)

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The presiding minister says the following invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

This prayer may be said before the distribution

**All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion;
to receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you;
to receive the wine, please guide the chalice to your lips.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing then please come forward and carry this booklet
or keep your arms by your side so the minister knows.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). Those who wish to receive
communion in one kind (bread only) are assured that the Eucharist contains the
full presence of Christ in both the bread and the wine.*

*During the administration of communion, anyone who does not wish to receive
communion is invited to give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus
and ask him to be with them now using the following prayer*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

Amen.

After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said.

The following prayer is said

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

(or)

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
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, 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;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Diocesan Vision Prayer is said



**All Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us
to make disciples,
to be witnesses,
to grow leaders
and inspire children and young people.
Give us eyes to see your vision,
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Banns of marriage may be read and notices given.

A hymn may be sung.

Blessing

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following or other suitable words

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

A minister says

As we await our coming Saviour,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

As we await our coming Saviour,
let us go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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