

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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The Birth of St John the Baptist

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words **in bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for donations. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

**The great forerunner of the morn,
The herald of the Word, is born:
With heavenly message Gabriel came,
That John should be that herald's name,**

**John, still unborn, yet gave aright
His witness to the coming Light;
And Christ, the Sun of all the earth,
Fulfilled that witness at his birth.**

**But why should human voices raise
The hymn of John the Baptist's praise?
Of whom, before his course was run,
Thus spoke the Father to the Son?**

**"Behold, my herald, who shall go
Before your face your way to show,
And shine, as with the day-star's gleam,
Before your own eternal beam."**

The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. Please remain standing for the greeting and act of penitence.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

John the Baptist proclaimed, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

You were sent to heal the contrite. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners, Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

THE COLLECT The prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer, the president says the Collect. At the end: Amen

Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40.1-11

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85 8-end (please join in the refrain)

Truth shall spring up from the earth
As we seek God's saving grace;
As righteousness looks down from heaven
Faithful souls shall see his face:

Hear the voice of the Lord whose word now speaks of peace and guides our feet. Where salvation's call is heard truth and mercy ever meet.

Here in peace and truth they live,
where the Lord's most generous hand,
gives the faithful all they need,
to harvest from the land.

SECOND READING Galatians 3.23-end

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Thus, the law was the source of our discipline until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to this rule, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia... **Alleluia, alleluia...**

You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia, alleluia...

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.55-66, 80.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit down for the sermon, from the Revd Jane Walker, which is followed by a time of silence.

Then please stand with the president.

The baptism candidates are called to the sanctuary step and are presented.

The president addresses them:

Do you wish to be baptised?

They reply: **I DO**



The president addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Dear friends in Christ, the Church receives these people with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president addresses the candidates:

Do you turn away from sin? **I DO.**

Do you reject evil? **I DO.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I DO.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I DO.**



The sign of the cross is made on each person's forehead, in holy oil:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.



After all have been anointed:

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The candidates and president and other ministers process to the font. Water is poured into the font and blessed:

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the son you love.

He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

*The candidates lead the profession of faith with
the president:*

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.



Water is poured on each person:

.....I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When all the candidates have been baptised:
May God, who has received you by baptism
into his Church, pour upon you the riches of
his grace, that within the company of Christ's
pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by
his anointing Spirit, and come to the
inheritance of the saints in glory.
Amen.

A prayer for Jana and her family:
Faithful and loving God, bless those who care
for all your beloved children and grant them
your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour
upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from all evil. Fill
them with the light of your presence and
establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The newly baptised are each given a candle, lit
from the Paschal Candle.*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by
one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of
faith; we are children of the same heavenly
Father; we welcome you.**

The president introduces THE PEACE:

The Lord God of Israel has come to his people
to set them free
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 478

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.
The president says a prayer over the gifts to which
we all respond:*

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The president continues the prayer, thanking God
for his saving works, and invites the people to join
their praises with the company of heaven:*

.....for ever praising you and singing:

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 president asks the Father to send the Holy
Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine and repeats
the Lord's own words over the bread and cup....*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The president continues the prayer.

At the end:

.....all honour and glory be yours,

almighty Father, for ever and ever: **Amen.**

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

ای پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو
بباید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، بر زمین نیز کرده
شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.
و قرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود
را می بخشیم، و ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر
ما را رهایی ده. زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلال
تا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمین.

*We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the
consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**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.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come
to Holy Communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world; blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

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

*Those who wish to receive Holy Communion or a
blessing approach the altar. All who are baptised
are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During
communion, we hear "Every Valley" (Handel).*

*When all who wish to have received Holy
Communion, what remains of the consecrated
bread is returned to the tabernacle.*

*A time of stillness and quiet follows. Then please
STAND with the President.*

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer is kept:

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world:
**grant that we who in this sacrament
have known your forgiveness
and your life-giving love
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 12

*PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for
the blessing and dismissal.*

Through the tender compassion of our God
may the dawn from on high break upon you,
and guide your feet into the way of peace.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

MONDAY 26th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 29th

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd July

1000 Sung Eucharist

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Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill made low
The crooked straight
And the rough places plain.