Safeguarding



15th November 2026

10:00 Parish Communion

Safeguarding Sunday

Blended Worship



November Charity of the Month: **Make-a-Wish UK**

The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment
which bore the symbol of your cross
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All **Amen.**



Opening Hymn: In Christ Alone

1. **In Christ alone my hope is found,**
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Opening Hymn: In Christ Alone

2. **In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,**
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the Son of Man was glorified –
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

Opening Hymn: In Christ Alone

3. **There in the ground his body lay,**
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Opening Hymn: In Christ Alone

4. **No guilt in life, no fear in death,**
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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.

Prayers of Penitence

We come to confess, to God and to each other,
that we have sometimes failed to be aware of our
responsibility to safeguard those in our care.
We come to ask for a new awareness of situations
which put people at risk.
As we acknowledge our lack of attentiveness
towards those who are vulnerable,
we resolve to deepen our sense of community and care
so that the love of God may be shared more fully.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

For times when we have failed to see
when people may have felt unsafe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy**

For those occasions when we have not listened effectively
to those in distress or danger.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy**

For times when we have seen and heard
but have failed to act in order to keep others safe.

All **Lord, have mercy**

Absolution

Gracious God, who forgives our sins when we repent
and seek your will,
teach us your ways of caring and compassion,
and forgive us for failing to be aware of the needs of others.
We respond to your great forgiveness
by committing ourselves more fully
to the well-being of those in our care.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
promote within us a true sense of justice,
and revive through us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

A reading from the Psalms (42:1-5, 11-14 CW)

As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;
when shall I come before the presence of God?
My tears have been my bread day and night,
while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’
Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who kept holy day.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

I say to God my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me,
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?’
As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me;
while all day long they say to me, ‘Where is now your God?’
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

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Second Hymn: The Servant Song

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1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. **We are pilgrims on a journey**
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Second Hymn: The Servant Song

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4. **I will weep when you are weeping;**
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. **When we sing to God in heaven**
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (13:4-7 NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

A reading from the first letter of John (3:16-24 NRSV)

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

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.

The Creed

**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.**

The Creed

**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.
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.



Intercessions

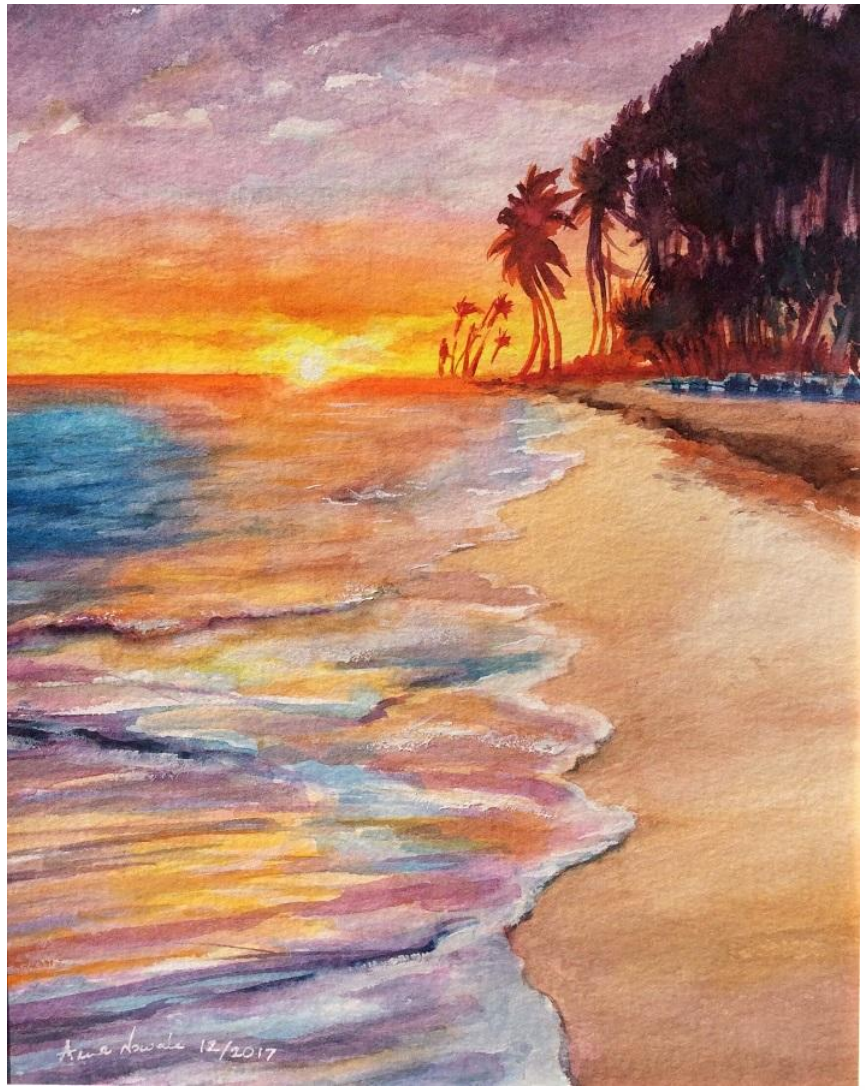
The Peace

It is God's will that all of his creation should live in harmony.

May our community be a place of safety and peace for all who enter our doors.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**



Hymn at preparation: Inspired by love and anger

1. **Inspired by love and anger,**
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

Hymn at preparation: Inspired by love and anger

2. **From those forever victims**
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
‘Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?’

Hymn at preparation: Inspired by love and anger

3. **God asks, ‘Who will go for me?**
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?’

Hymn at preparation: Inspired by love and anger

4. **Amused in someone's kitchen,**
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)
and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,**
and of your own do we give you.

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

We thank you for bringing us into the safety of your love.
Your Son Jesus Christ gave us an example to follow by
highlighting cruelty and injustice,
showing his care for the marginalised and mis-used.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection**
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1. **We cannot measure how you heal**
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

Communion Hymn: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

2. **The pain that will not go away,**
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

Communion Hymn: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

3. **So some have come who need your help**
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

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Prayers after Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Prayers after Communion

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.



Notices

Final Hymn: May this place be one of nurture

1. **May this place be one of nurture**
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

Final Hymn: May this place be one of nurture

2. **From our negligence and failures**
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

Final Hymn: May this place be one of nurture

3. **For you hold the broken hearted**
till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains,
while your mercy falls like rain
when the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
when each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:

Final Hymn: May this place be one of nurture

4. **So with humble thanks we praise you**
and we lift to you in prayer
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

Ally Barrett

Blessing

May God the Father protect us and keep us;
may God the Son, that great shepherd of the sheep,
lead us and teach us;
may God the Holy Spirit fill us and equip us to do God's will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us and those whom we serve.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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