

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



**The Church on the Road:**  
*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

## **The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary With the Confirmation of Hanna and Mariam**

**Eucharist  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley**

**President: The Rt Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Bishop of Doncaster**  
**Preacher: The Rt Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Bishop of Doncaster**  
**Team Warden: Janet**

## The Gathering and Opening Hymn

*We stand and we sing the opening hymn.*

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

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*Bishop* Blessed is she who had faith  
that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.

*All* **All generations shall call her blessed.**

*Bishop* So tenderly has he looked upon his servant.

*All* **All generations shall call her blessed.**

*Bishop* Blessed is she among women and blessed is the fruit of her womb.

*All* **All generations shall call her blessed.**

*Bishop* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Holy is his name.

*All* **All generations shall call her blessed.**

*The Bishop introduces the service.*

## The Blessing of the Well Dressing

*Bishop* Loving God, creator of all,  
we give you thanks for this Well Dressing,  
that we are able to gather together to celebrate  
the diversity of skills and talent present within this community.  
We thank you for the many helping hands that created it.  
May it be a temporary sign of your eternal presence among us,  
and may our prayers and worship embrace all people  
that they might know and feel the light of Christ's love.

*All* **Amen.**

*We remain standing and we sing.*

## The Gloria in Excelsis

*Cantor* Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

### **The Collect**

*Bishop* Let us pray.  
Mighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
look with favour on your lowly servants  
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **The Reading: Isaiah 61. 10 - end**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual Hymn**

*We stand and we sing. During the hymn we turn to face the processional cross as the book of the Gospels moves to the middle of the people.*

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 1. 46 - 55**

*Minister* Alleluia, alleluia.  
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Luke 1.28, 47

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
    he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
    and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
    and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
    in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
    to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

*Minister* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

# The Liturgy of Confirmation

## The Presentation of the Candidates

*The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation:*

*Bishop* Hanna and Mariam, have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

*Candidates* I have.

*Bishop* Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I am.

*The bishop addresses the whole congregation.*

*Bishop* 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 Hanna and Mariam  
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

*Bishop* We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.  
Therefore I ask:

*Bishop* Do you turn to Christ?

*Candidates* I turn to Christ.

*Bishop* Do you repent of your sins?

*Candidates* I repent of my sins.

*Bishop* Do you renounce evil?

*Candidates* I renounce evil.

*Bishop* May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,  
give you the strength to continue in the Way.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Profession of Faith

*Bishop* Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess,  
together with Hanna and Mariam, the faith of the Church.

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All* **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.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All* **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.**

## The Confirmation

*The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed.*

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

*The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed.*

*Bishop* Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

*The bishop addresses each candidate by name:*

*Bishop* God has called you by name and made you his own.

*She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying:*

*Bishop* Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

*The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all the those on whom hands have been laid.*

*All* **Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

*The congregation greets the newly confirmed. We sit or kneel.*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Intercessor* Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.  
*All* **Holy is your name.**

*Or another response is used.*

*Intercessor* Almighty and everlasting God,  
your servant Mary magnified your name  
and rejoiced in your saving love:  
trusting in that same love,  
we ask all these our prayers  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

*We stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Bishop* Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange the peace through smiles, waves and handshakes  
with those around us, as you feel comfortable.*

## The Offertory Hymn

*We stand and we sing as the altar is prepared. If you would like to  
support St Mary's, donations can be made after the service at the  
back of church using the collection plate or contactless card giving  
station. If you would like to give regularly to St Mary's please speak  
to the Treasurer, or one of the Team Wardens.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Bishop*  
*All*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

*Bishop*  
*All*

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop*  
*All*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Bishop*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
almighty Father, ever-living God,  
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,  
and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed,  
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.

For you have truly done great things  
and holy is your name,  
and your mercy is on those who fear you  
in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant  
you remembered your promise of mercy  
and gave the world through her  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you  
and rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices join with theirs  
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

*Cantor*  
*All*

Holy Holy Holy Lord  
**Holy Holy Holy Lord**

*Cantor*  
*All*

God of power and God of might  
**God of power and God of might**

*Cantor*  
*All*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

*Cantor*  
*All*

Hosanna in the highest  
**Hosanna in the highest**

*Cantor*  
*All*

Blessed is he who comes  
**Blessed is he who comes**

*Cantor*  
*All*

In the name of the Lord most High  
**In the name of the Lord most High**

*Cantor*  
*All*

Hosanna  
**Hosanna**

*Cantor*  
*All*

Hosanna  
**Hosanna**

*Cantor* Hosanna in the highest  
*All* **Hosanna in the highest**

*Bishop* We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*Minister* Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*Cantor* Dying you destroyed our death  
*All* **Dying you destroyed our death**

*Cantor* Rising you restored our life  
*All* **Rising you restored our life**

*Cantor* Lord Jesus come  
*All* **Lord Jesus come**

*Cantor* Lord Jesus come  
*All* **Lord Jesus come**

*Cantor* Come again in glory  
*All* **Come again in glory**

*Bishop* Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Mark John and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Bishop*    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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Bishop*    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.**

## The Giving of Communion

*Bishop* 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 will give instructions on how to come forward for communion and on returning to our seats. All are welcome to come to front for the bread and wine or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front.*

*We receive communion in both kinds, bread and wine, by intinction. The clergy will dip the wafer in the wine before giving it to you. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask at the altar.*

## The Prayer after Communion

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary  
as they recognized the signs of redemption at work within them:  
help us, who have shared in the joy of this eucharist,  
to know the Lord deep within us  
and his love shining out in our lives,  
that the world may rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*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 Notices

*We stand.*

## The Blessing

*Bishop* When the Word became flesh  
earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:  
may the love and obedience of Mary be our example.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May the peace of Christ  
rule in our hearts and homes.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May we be filled with the joy of the Spirit  
and the gifts of our eternal home.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Giving of a Lighted Candle

*Bishop* God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
Hanna and Mariam have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life

*All* **Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## The Closing Hymn

*We remain standing and we sing during which we turn to face the  
back of church as the robed ministers process.*

## The Dismissal

*Minister* Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be to me according to your word.'  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Refreshments are served after the service from the back of church, all are welcome.***

**If you would like to provide feedback on this service please speak a member of the Worship Group, Kath, Catherine, Janet or David. You can also email us**

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