

St. James' Staveley

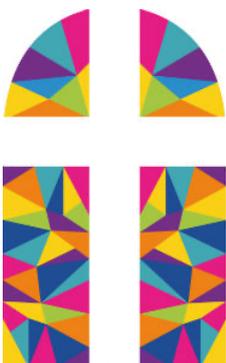


All Age Holy Communion with Baptism of Ronnie Edward Coupland

We welcome everyone to this special service during which Ronnie will be baptised.

We encourage you to join in with the words of the service in **bold** type and to sing the hymns which you will find in the hymn books at the end of your pew.

There is no collection taken during this service, and the church makes no charge for baptism, but if you would like to support the upkeep and outreach of this church there will be a collection plate at the back the service. All donations to the church are covered by the Government's Small Gift Aid arrangement so Gift Aid envelopes are not required.



Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

we thank God for the gift of Ronnie

We rejoice today with the family of Ronnie
as they thank God for the gift of life
and bring him for baptism.

God our Creator,

we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.

We give thanks for all whose support and skill
surround and sustain the beginning of life.

As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family,
may Ronnie grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,
give these parents your sustaining grace and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

we stand to sing. The hymn number will be announced.

Introduction

The Collect

— *the special prayer for today. We all respond Amen.*

God our saviour,

look on this wounded world

in pity and in power;

hold us fast to your promises of peace

won for us by your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bible Reading

The reader introduces the Gospel with the words:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

At the end

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

Address

—the minister helps us understand Jesus' teaching.

Hymn

we stand to sing. The hymn number will be announced. As we move to the font please join us or turn to face the font.

THE BAPTISM

Presentation of Ronnie

— those to be baptised and their parents and godparents gather at the front.

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Ronnie who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support Ronnie as he begins his journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Ronnie today.

Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

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:

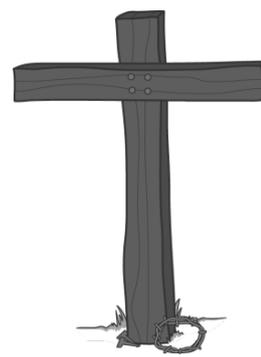
Do you turn away from sin?

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

Signing with the Cross

The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of Ronnie

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.



Parents and godparents are invited to sign Ronnie with the cross as a sign of their commitment to them.

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.

Prayer over the water

-Water is poured into the font and a prayer is said.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

—we say what we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Ronnie Ralph Crawford, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

The Commission

We pray for Ronnies's parents and godparents

We have brought these children to baptism knowing that Jesus died
and rose again for them and trusting in the promise that God hears
and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ they will
know the forgiveness of their sins and the new life of the Spirit.
As they grow up, they will need the help and encouragement of the
Christian community, so that they may learn to know God in public
worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith,
serve their neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course

come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding these children in the way of faith.

One or more of the following prayers may be used

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for these children
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home 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.
All **Amen.**

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Ronnie, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



We share Christ's peace with one another.

Prayers

– we sit or kneel as we are led in prayer These responses may be used

Sovereign Lord,
your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
Father of all
hear your children's prayer.
You have made your Church a spiritual family,
a household of faith.

Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ.

Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

You sent your Son to give his life

as a ransom for the whole human family.

Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth.

Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.

Bring love and joy to all who are alone.

Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living.

In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us.

Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Offertory Hymn

during which we offer to God the gifts given to support the mission and ministry of the church.

Communion

—we stand for this prayer but if you prefer to sit please do so.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with
power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:



Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As children of God, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven**

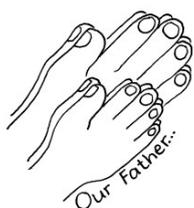
Give us today our daily bread.

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.**

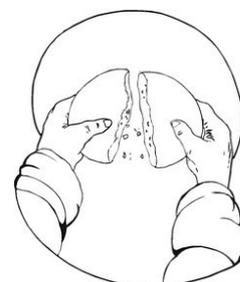
Amen.



The priest breaks the communion bread

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.

An invitation to communion is said.

Anyone who loves the Lord is welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward, bringing this service sheet with you as an indication of your intention.

After Communion

—a time of quiet is kept for personal prayer, then we pray:

**Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen**

Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Ronnie and his family are invited to the front and a bible is presented to him by the church.

A candle is presented to Ronnie

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;



walk in this light all the days of your life.
**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Dismissal

—we take the love of God out to the world

To a troubled world

Peace from Christ

To a searching world

Love from Christ

To a waiting world

Hope from Christ

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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