

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 31st December 2023

The First Sunday of Christmas – New Year's Eve

at St John's 10.00am Parish Communion – Patronal Festival

Hymns	687	Unto us a boy is born
	318	In the Bleak Mid Winter
	626	The first Nowell
<i>Communion</i>	83	Child in the manger
	231	Go tell it on the mountain

Readings

Exodus 33.7-11a
1 John 1
John 21.19b-end

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen	Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Welcome! It's good to see you.

We are the family of God and all are welcome at his table. If you are used to receiving **communion** you are welcome to do so here. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please indicate this by bringing this leaflet up with you. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Both churches are equipped with a **hearing loop** system. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

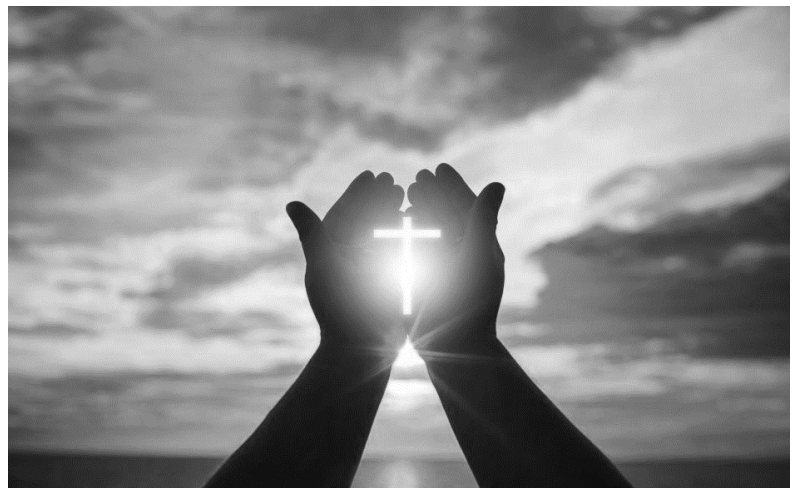
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

You may wish to use the prayer below to help you to **prepare for worship** this morning.

Lord Jesus, I receive your love
poured out for me
in bread and wine.

Accept this gift of my life,
brought to the altar
without conditions.

Do your work in me,
and let me be, like you,
taken, blessed,
and given for others;
for, in spite of my failings,
you know that I love you.
Amen

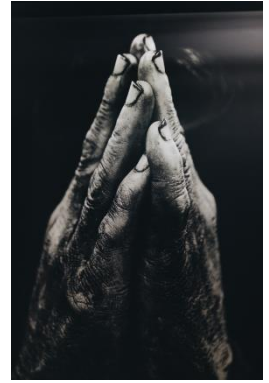


Prayers

We remember in our prayers....

- all in our church family who are unwell at this time,
in hospital or at home.

- those who feel isolated and lonely
- those who have no-one to pray for them
- those who are anxious
- those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks
- those whose years' mind falls at this time



We give thanks for the lives of all who have died recently.

Rest eternal grant unto them, oh Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This week:

Pray **in the morning** for the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life; and **in the evening** for peace, individuals known to us personally and their needs.

Prayer diary

On *pray for:*

Mon	new and hopeful beginnings
Tue	release and freedom for those with addictions
Wed	all who are returning to work
Thu	all who work in medical, social and community care
Fri	help for those struggling in businesses
Sat	the revelation of God's love to all

Prayer requests can be left on the board in the Lady Chapel at HT and in the Baptistry at St John's.

They are gathered weekly, placed on the altar and offered to God at the Wednesday Eucharist.

Readings

Exodus 33.7-11a | *The Tent outside the Camp*

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

The First Letter of John

1 John 1 | *The Word of Life*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

God Is Light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Gospel: John 21.19b-end

After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Notices

Welcome to Nicholas and his family We pray for Nicholas, Kjersti, Bergliot and Autumn as they settle in at the vicarage over Christmas and Nicholas begins his ministry in our parish.

Diary

*Our churches are open this week for private prayer from 10.00am as follows:
Holy Trinity Tue-Sat; St John's Tue-Thu*

There will be no 8.00am Communion Services until further notice

There will be no Handbell Practice on 1st January.

Snooker will continue at 6.30pm at St John's over the Christmas period

There will be no Community Café until **10th January** at 10.00am Holy Trinity

Mothers' Union Holy Communion will be held at St John's
at 10.00am on **Wednesday 3rd January**

Morning Prayer will be held on **Thursday 7th January**
at 9.30am on Zoom

There will be no Trinity Tots until **Thursday 11 January**
at 10.00 am at Holy Trinity

Lunch Club will recommence at St John's on
Thursday 11th January at St John's

Carpet Bowls will continue this week
on **Thursday 4th January** at 2.00pm at St John's

NEXT SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY – The Second Sunday of Christmas – Epiphany
All Age Communion for Epiphany will be held
at **10.00am at Holy Trinity**

Items for next week's pew sheet to Bev by **latest 5.00pm Wednesday**, please.
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