

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 14th January 2024

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

at St John's 10.00am Parish Communion

Hymns 11 Alleluia sing to Jesus
 740 Will you come and follow me (omit v4)
 306 Immortal Invisible, God only wise
Communion 644 There is a Redeemer
 244 Hail to the Lord's anointed (omit v3)

at Holy Trinity 6.30pm Taizé Service

Readings 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 [11-20]
 Revelation 5. 1-10
 John 1. 43-end

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen</p>	<p>God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>

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.

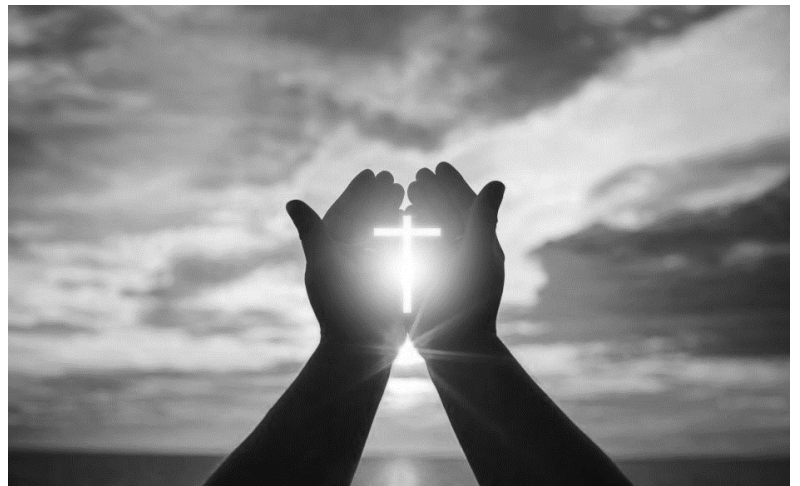
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

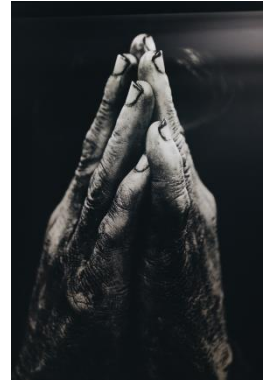


Prayers

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:*

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| Mon | all who feel powerless in difficult situations |
| Tue | people undergoing any kind of medical treatment |
| Wed | safe journeys for all who travel |
| Thu | unity within and between our churches |
| Fri | peace in our homes and in the world |
| Sat | all who feel misunderstood |

*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

1 Samuel 3.1-10 | *Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

[vv11-20]

[Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Revelation 5.1-10 | *The Scroll and the Lamb*

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel: John 1.43-end | *Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Notices

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2024 – this is an opportunity for us to share in worship and prayer with local churches in the Abbeydale area. The theme this year is ***Go and Do Likewise***, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Thursday 18th at 11am – Opening service at Millhouses Methodist Church.

Sunday 21st at 7pm – Service at St Oswalds's Church.

Wednesday 24th at 10am – Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by coffee in the Church Hall.

Thursday 25th at 12noon – Service at Mother of God followed by soup lunch in the Parish Hall.

Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th 10am – 4pm at St John the Evangelist – Exhibition with prayer stations and reflections.

Exhibition at St John's during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - and a call for refreshment volunteers The exhibition will be open from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th January from 10am to 4pm. It will consist of prayer stations around the church on the theme 'Go and do Likewise', based on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

We could offer refreshments for some of the opening hours, but this would depend on volunteers to staff the kitchen. If you would like to help, please contact Angie on 236 2188 or [email angielauener@me.com](mailto:angielauener@me.com)

Friday 19th January - Litany of Reconciliation – at St. John's, 12noon, outside by the war memorial. All welcome to this short act of prayer for peace.

Next Sunday – 21st January, 10.30am will be a Joint Service at Millhouses Methodist Church.

Saturday 3rd February – Beetle Drive 6.30pm start at St John's. £7 including home-made pie and peas. (Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available on request).

We are in short supply of paperback books for our bookcase in the Church Hall at Holy Trinity. Donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the box on the floor on the right-hand side of the bookcase in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thank you.

Diary

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

There will be no 8.00am Communion Services until further notice

Mon 15th Jan	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 17th Jan	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union	St John's

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(see Notices for details)

Thurs 18th Jan	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	10.00am	Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity
	11.00am	Lunch Club	St John's
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Fri 19th Jan	12.00noon	Litany of Reconciliation	St John's
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's

Next Sunday 21 January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

Millhouses Methodist Church Annual Covenant Service at 10.30am

Please note: There will no service at Holy Trinity or St John's on 21 January

Looking ahead:			
Sat 3rd Feb	6.30pm	Beetle Drive	St John's

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

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