

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 22nd October 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

This morning we welcome Bishop Tim Ellis who will be leading the service

at St John's	10.00am	Parish Communion
Hymns	376	Let all the world
	306	Immortal invisible, God only wise
	412	Lord of Creation
<i>Communion</i>	569	Rock of Ages
	92	Christ triumphant ever reigning

Readings: Isaiah 45. 1-7
1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10
Matthew 22. 15-22

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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	God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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.

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

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

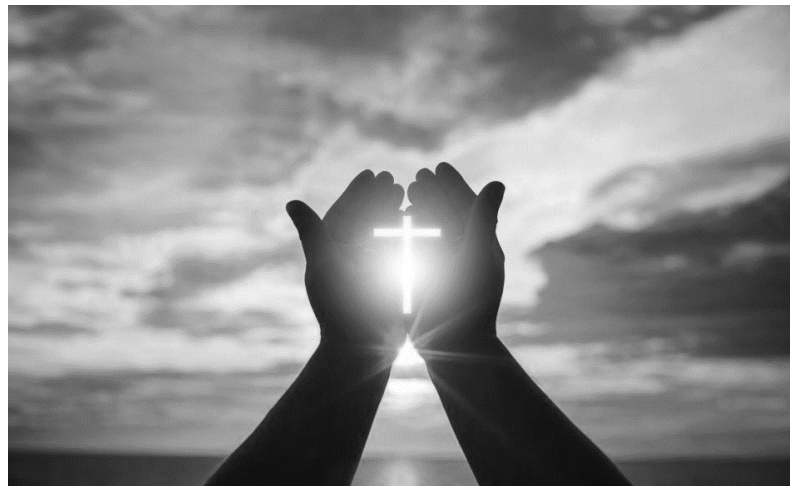
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

You may wish to use this prayer as part of your preparation for worship

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

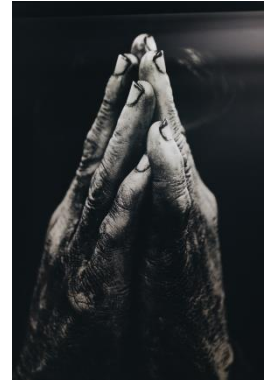


Prayers

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	all who live far away from loved ones
Tues	good ecumenical relations
Wed	all who are struggling to care for their children
Thu	those suffering from chronic illnesses
Fri	rest and recovery for all who are exhausted
Sat	courage and faith in times of change

*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.*

A prayer for peace in the Holy Land

God of our longing,
Remember those who wait and hope for peace.
Hear our prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.
With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.

Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.
Open ears, eyes and hearts
and make a way toward justice
in our war-torn world.

God all merciful, you dwell in all human hearts
and the Holy Land is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.
Be a sure support for those who work toward reconciliation
And make us all, however far away,
Steadfast in their cause.

Amen

Readings

Isaiah 45.1-7 | *Cyrus, God's Instrument*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The First Letter of Paul to The Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 | *Salutation*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead —Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22 | *The Question about Paying Taxes*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Notices

Notice from the Churchwardens:

After a meeting with the Area Dean on Monday 25 September, the Wardens are pleased to announce that the Service for Licensing and Installation of Rev'd Nicholas Noble is planned for Sunday 17 December 2023 at 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Church. The Service will be led by Bishop Pete and will be followed by refreshments.

Harvest Appeal - Bereaved Families Forum:

This year, in addition to supporting the Cathedral Breakfast and Archer Project as usual, we are raising money for the Bereaved Families Forum. This is a charity in the Middle East which works on a peace and reconciliation project involving bereaved families from Israel and Palestine sharing with each other in their common experiences of bereavement. *** We are grateful to the Guild of Strings, whose concert raised over £140 for our Harvest Appeal. *** If you would like to donate to our harvest appeal, please put your donation in a yellow envelope and mark it 'Harvest 2023', or alternatively, you may donate by bank transfer to our church account.

Appeal for the victims of the earthquake in Morocco and flood in Libya:

Please leave any donations for this appeal on the plate at the back of church or use one of the gift aid envelopes marked "Morocco and Libya appeal".

Thank you.

Bible study Tuesday 24th October:

7 for 7.15 pm at Holy Trinity Church. This is the final bible study in the series and will be led by theologian Rev'd Professor Frances Young of Millhouses Methodist Church. All are welcome even if you have not attended the previous ones. The topic this week is 'Ordering worship and prayer', based on 1 Corinthians 11 and 14.

From Margaret Minns:

The speaker at Mothers Union on **Wednesday 15th November** will be Pat McLaughlin and the topic "Wentworth. The Village and the Mansion", starting at 2.30pm in St. John's 94 Room. Refreshments served after the talk. Visitors Welcome.

Community of the Cross of Nails – Litany of Reconciliation – 2023 dates:

Third Thursdays at 1200 noon at St John's by the war memorial. All welcome.
16th Nov, 21st Dec.

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 23rd Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 25th Oct	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thurs 26th Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	11.00am	Lunch Club	St John's
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Fri 27th Oct	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Next Sunday 29th October – Last Sunday of Trinity (Bible Sunday)			
	10.00am	Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Looking Ahead:			
Mon 30th Oct	10.30am	Coffee Morning	41 Rushley Drive

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

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