

# The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

## Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

at Holy Trinity      10.00am      All Age Communion

Hymns                      317              Shine Jesus Shine  
                                    56              Be Thou my vision  
                                    222             I am the bread of life  
                                    72              Broken for me, broken for you  
                                    494             The Spirit lives to set us free

Anthem                      The Lord's my Shepherd

Organ Voluntary        Tuba Tune - C S Lang

4.00pm      The Rehearsal Dinner

Readings                      Song of Solomon 2. 8-13  
                                    James 1. 17-end  
                                    Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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>Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.

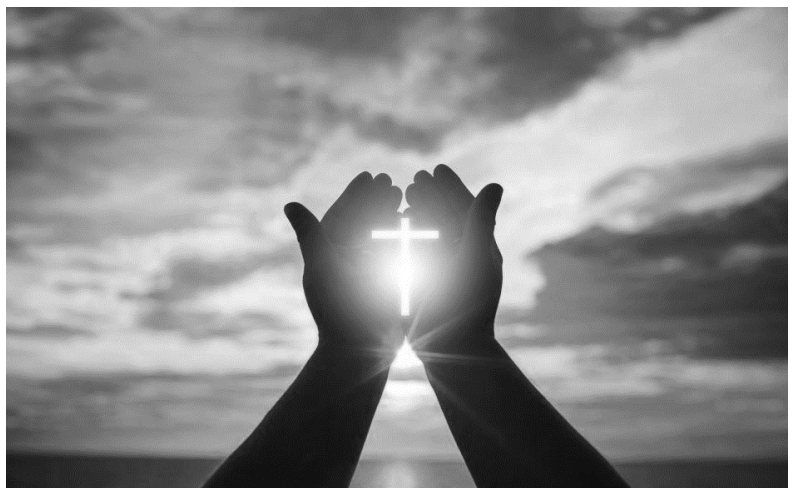
**Toilet facilities:** at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

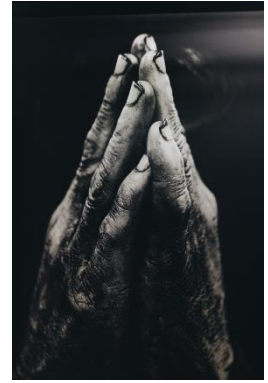


## Prayers

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:*

<b>Mon</b>	the new Sunday School starting in September
<b>Tue</b>	the new service "The Rehearsal Dinner" starting in September
<b>Wed</b>	all the new volunteers
<b>Thurs</b>	giving thanks for our faithful congregation members
<b>Fri</b>	giving thanks for the life of the church in our Parish
<b>Sat</b>	giving thanks for those connected to our Parish who can't attend in person

*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

### **Song of Solomon 2.8-13**

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

### **James 1.17-end**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

## **Notices:**

### **TRIO**

Thank you to our wonderful team of 'bundlers' on Friday, and for our wonderful 'deliverers' bundles are now ready for collection from Holy Trinity Church.

Thank you. Pat Jackson

The next **Litany of Reconciliation** will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 12noon by the war memorial at St John's. All welcome to join in this short prayer for peace and forgiveness. Future dates - third Thursday of each month, i.e., 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### **The Rehearsal Dinner**

Today at 4.00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. See opposite page for more details.



# THE REHEARSAL DINNER

## FOOD, WORD, WORSHIP, COMMUNION

**THE REHEARSAL DINNER: WHY IS IT CALLED THAT?!**

A Rehearsal Dinner is feast with a wedding party's family & friends before a wedding. The church is Christ's bride awaiting his return.

"Rehearsal" because we aim for great, but expect mistakes, mess & noise, and kids are welcome. It means practice. Christian practice is doing the things Jesus tells us to do.

"Dinner" - Jesus ate with his disciples. We see hospitality as an act of worship.

**SO COME AND JOIN US TO EAT, SING, AND PRACTISE.  
COME AND RECONSTRUCT YOUR FAITH JOURNEY.**

**SUNDAY 4PM  
HOLY TRINITY MILLHOUSES PARISH HALL  
1ST SEPTEMBER  
6TH OCTOBER  
3RD NOVEMBER**

To join our services via Zoom  
 please visit our website [www.amchurchsheffield.co.uk](http://www.amchurchsheffield.co.uk) go to 'What's On' then  
 'Calendar', find the relevant Sunday and click on the link shown.

## Diary

<i>Our churches are open this week for private prayer from 10.00am as follows: Holy Trinity Mon-Sat; St John's Mon-Thu</i>			
<b>Mon 2nd Sept</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	St John's 94 Room
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
<b>Tues 3rd Sept</b>	2.00pm	Table Tennis	St John's Hall
<b>Wed 4th Sept</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union coffee	St John's
	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity Hall
<b>Thurs 5th Sept</b>	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
<b>Fri 6th Sept</b>	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
<b>Next Sunday 8th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	10.00am	All Age Communion with Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing	St John's
<b>Looking Forward:</b>			
<b>Tues 10th Sept</b>	10.30am	Coffee Morning	26 Whinfell Court

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

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