

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

at Holy Trinity 10.00am Parish Communion

Hymns	372	O Jesus I have promised
	490	The Lord's my shepherd
	231	I heard the voice of Jesus say
<i>Communion</i>	117	Faithful shepherd feed me
	30	And can it be

Anthem **Lord for Thy tender mercies sake - Hilton**

Readings Acts 4. 5-12
 1 John 3. 16-end
 John 10. 11-18

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen	Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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.

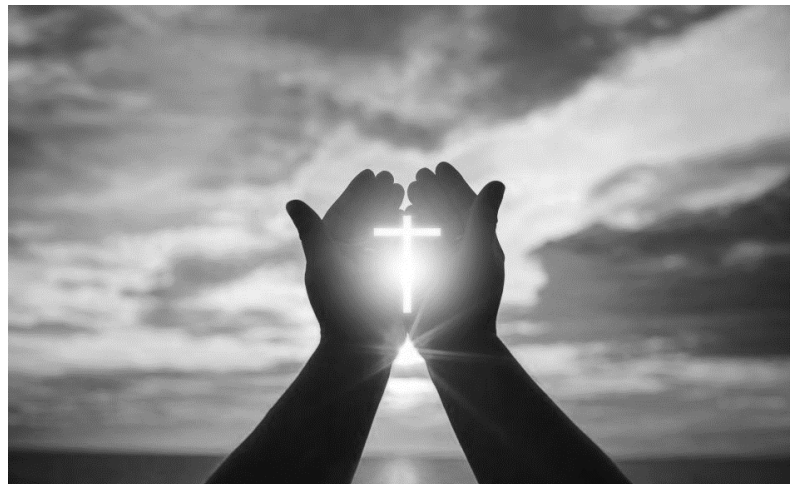
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

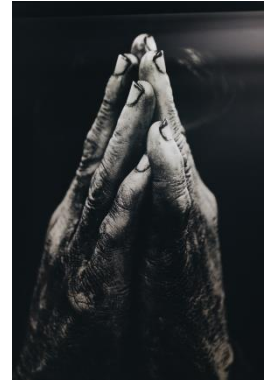


Prayers

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:*

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| Mon | all who feel trapped |
| Tue | families who are struggling |
| Wed | Ecclesall deanery chapter and all who minister in this deanery |
| Thurs | those who are travelling on risky journeys |
| Fri | all in training for any kind of ministry |
| Sat | renewal of spirit for those whose energy has diminished |

*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

Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

The First Letter of John

John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Notices:

About the Golddigger Trust, our 2024 Lent Appeal Charity. This is a Christian faith-based charity based in Sheffield and works for the wellbeing of young people. The website says this about their values: *We are committed to transforming the lives of young people by equipping them with positive wellbeing and the skills to make good life decisions. We believe that by developing healthy self-esteem and positive wellbeing, encouraged by consistent support, young people are equipped to be all they can be and to face the challenges life may throw them on the way.*

<https://www.golddiggertrust.co.uk/overview-about-us>

Gill Quarrell would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards and support following the death of her Mother Noreen. It has been greatly appreciated.

The next **Litany of Reconciliation** will be on Thursday 16 May, 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. 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.*

Choral Evensong There will be a full Choral Evensong on Church Music Sunday 9 June at 6:30 at St John's. Guests are invited to augment the choir. Practices will be at St John's on Friday evenings at 8:00 from 19 April. Alan East

St Wilfrid's Centre Quiz and Pie Night - Thursday 25th April 7.00pm

After the success of our last quiz night and due to popular demand, we are holding another Quiz Night. This time, the quiz and challenges will be accompanied by pie and peas. Please come and join us at what will be a very enjoyable event, while helping to raise much needed funds to help the vulnerable, isolated, and homeless adults in Sheffield. Further details and entry forms are available on our website www.stwilfridscentre.org Tel 0114 2555720. Tickets are available from: [St Wilfrid's Centre Event tickets | Yapsody](#)

TOADS presents Last Séance a comedy by Herb Hasler

Wednesday 15th – Saturday 18th May.

Weeknights @ 7.30pm, Saturday matinee @ 2.30pm at St John's Church Hall.

Tickets £7.00, concessions £6.00.

Email tickets@toads-drama.co.uk or call 0114 2351206.

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>			
Mon 22nd April	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity & Zoom
	10.30am	Coffee Morning	10 Hurlingham Close
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	4.30pm	Rainbows	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 24th April	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity Hall
Thurs 25th April	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity & Zoom
	10.00am	Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity
	11.00am	Lunch Club	St John's
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Fri 26th April	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Next Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter			
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St John's

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

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