

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 11th February 2024

Sunday next before Lent

at St John's 10.00am Parish Communion

Hymns 79 Bright the vision that delighted
 416 Shine Jesus shine
 254 Heaven is open wide.
Communion 602 Sweet sacrament divine
 402 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

6.30pm Wholeness and Healing Service

Readings 2 Kings 2. 1-12
 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
 Mark 9. 2-9

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen</p>	<p>Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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.

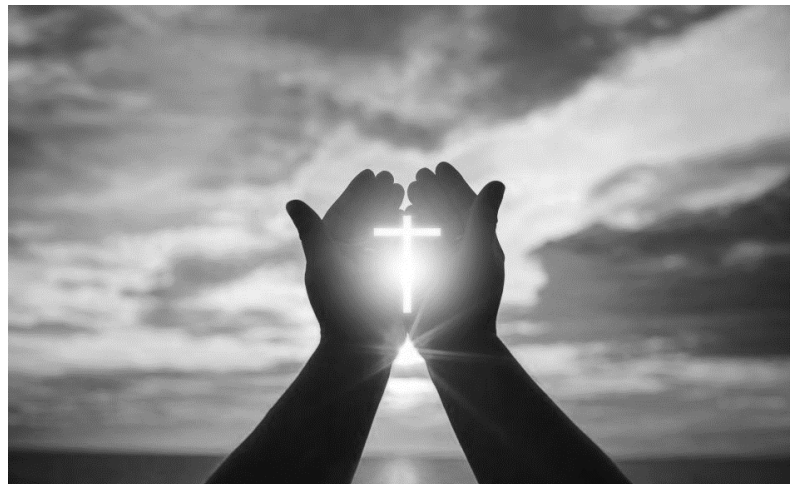
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

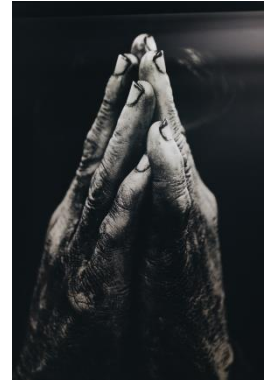


Prayers

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:*

Mon	King Charles and all receiving treatment for cancer
Tue	the work of the Golddigger Trust, our Lent Appeal charity
Wed	our journey as a parish through Lent
Thu	peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict
Fri	all exploring a vocation to ministry
Sat	blessings on family life with its joys and struggles

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

2 Kings 2.1-12 | *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9 | *The Transfiguration*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Launch of Lent Appeal, Tuesday 13th February, 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall. Savoury and sweet pancakes will be served. Gluten-free and vegetarian options available on request. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to go. Donations welcome and all profits will go to our Lent Appeal this year for the Golddigger Trust.

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>

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

From Val Wiley ...

To introduce a new season of coffee mornings it has been suggested that we have a Bring and Share Lunch at Holy Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 15th February from 12noon until 2pm.

In the comfort and warmth of the church hall we will be able to enjoy a time together, meet friends old and new and have a wonderful opportunity to 'catch up' with each other. So please bring a dish to share, there will be a warm welcome for everyone.

A list will be available at the back of each church for you to sign for seating arrangements.

Our 'in house' coffee mornings begin in February, we meet fortnightly on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays. All addresses and dates appear on the church calendar and in the weekly pew sheet.

Mothers Union

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st February at St. Johns in the '94 Room at 2.15 pm.

Rev'd Ann Walton is coming to speak about Richard Rolle - South Yorkshire's own Hermit and Mystic.

Visitors welcome and a small contribution of £1 for refreshments would be appreciated. Margaret Minns

Children and Young People: 2024

Many people here have worked hard and faithfully over the last few years with the children and young people. If you are one of those people, we'd like to thank you with a cheese and wine evening, 7.30pm on Friday 23rd February. This year we are going to work to become more of a church for children and young families. If you are someone who would like to be involved in that, you're also welcome to the cheese and wine evening. (Attendance is not a commitment to serve!). Send a WhatsApp message to Rev'd Nicholas Noble on 07942054572 for more information!

Come and sing with us! - at Holy Trinity on 29th March at 6.30pm

Good Friday Evening Service with Music and Readings

The Joint Choirs of Holy Trinity and St John's invite you to join them in the singing of anthems and hymns for this special Service.

Come and sing with them! Whether you have experience of singing in a choir, or you would like to try this for the first time, do come to a rehearsal at St John's on Fridays at 8.00 - 9.00 from February 9th onwards. You and your like-minded family and friends will be made most welcome.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mary Cobbold by email: marycobbold5@gmail.com

Paperback books - THANK YOU

Very many thanks to all those who have contributed books for the shelves in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thanks to your generosity the shelves are now full, so no more are needed for the time being.

Wanted: used birthday cards for recycling. Would you please leave them in the box in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thank you, Pat Roddis

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 12th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 14th Feb	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Communion with Imposition of Ashes	St John's
Thurs 15th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	10.00am	Half Term no Trinity Tots	
	12.00	Litany of Reconciliation	St John's
	12.00- 2.00pm	Bring and Share Lunch	Holy Trinity
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Fri 16th Feb	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Next Sunday 18th February – First Sunday of Lent			
	10.00am	Parish Communion	Holy Trinity
Looking ahead:			
Mon 26th Feb	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Flat 8, 169, Millhouses Lane

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

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