

# ALL AGE COMMUNION

in the parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses,  
every 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month.

## GATHERING

### INFORMATION

*The liturgist gives a short introduction explaining the running of the service and anything unfamiliar to the congregation.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Children process in led by a child carrying a cross. The cross is placed at the front of church and the children stand with the priest, behind the altar, facing the congregation.*

In the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

Welcome to the All Age Communion service here in the parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses.

There are some times we sing together, some times we pray together, times we listen to someone, and times to be totally silent. When we hear this bell ring we know it's a Holy moment to close our eyes shut and listen or pray in silence.

Let's take one of those moments now, to be silent together, making no noise. We close our eyes and listen out for God who may speak to us.

*Bell rings for SILENCE*

### CONFESSION

Jesus you are the light of the world.  
You call us to be lights just like you.  
We don't always shine as we should, we get selfish or scared.  
We aren't as kind or loving as we could be.  
Things we think, or say, or do.  
Forgive us, Lord and shine your light through us again.  
**Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Jesus has conquered sin, death, and darkness.  
In Him, we are forgiven and renewed in His light.

*Children take their places in the congregation and sing the hymn*

## **HYMN**

## **THE WORD**

Let's find our place to sit, either in the seats or on the floor here, and hear the word of God read to us.

**OT and NT Readings** *potential for children to read*

*We stand for the Gospel reading, read in the centre of Church with two children who hold up candles either side of the reader.*

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

**Praise to you oh Lord**

## **SHORT TALK**

**CONCISE INTERCESSIONS:** The World, Local Church, Ourselves

## THE PEACE HYMN

## THE EUCHARIST

Now, here comes a very sacred and special moment.  
We're going to celebrate communion together.  
Would one of you help me put on the chasuble?

*A child puts the chasuble on the priest*

This is like a special Godly uniform which helps us all remember: that what happens at the table is special. It is special because; it's not I who is giving it, but God is giving it to us.

*The children are invited to stand right up to the altar on all sides to see and hear what happens at close range*

We will start it in silence to get our hearts and minds ready  
*Bell rings for SILENCE*

When we pray together now I will say a short line of prayer and move my arms and I invite you to **repeat** what I say and do like an echo.

(open arms) The Lord is here

**All The Lord is here**

(hands on heart) His Spirit is with us.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

(arms raised in praise) We lift our hearts to the Lord.

**All We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

(thumbs up) It's right to give thanks and praise.

**All It's right to give thanks and praise.**

Q *Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

A *Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish  
You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and speak your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
[Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.]**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Bell rings for SILENCE*

Q *Why do we share this bread & wine?*

*A Listen, and we will hear.*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Q How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

*A Listen, and we will hear.*

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [N and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all Share  
in one bread.**

Now, come, and share at the table of Christ where all are welcome. Children can ask their parents how much of the meal they should have.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*The bread and wine are given in front of the altar*

**Hymns During Communion**

## **THE COMMISSION**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*During the hymn, the children assemble behind the altar,  
and when all are ready, process out to the back of  
church.*

Go in peace to love and serve The Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**