

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 29th October 2023

The Last Sunday of Trinity - Bible Sunday

at Holy Trinity 10.00am Parish Communion

Hymns 15 All my hope on God is founded

 133 Firmly I believe and truly

 26 Alleluia sing to Jesus

Communion 293 Lead us heavenly Father lead us

 205 He who would valiant be

Anthem Jesu, joy of man's desiring - JS Bach

Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

 Colossians 3.12-17

 Matthew 24. 30-35

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen</p>	<p>God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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.

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.

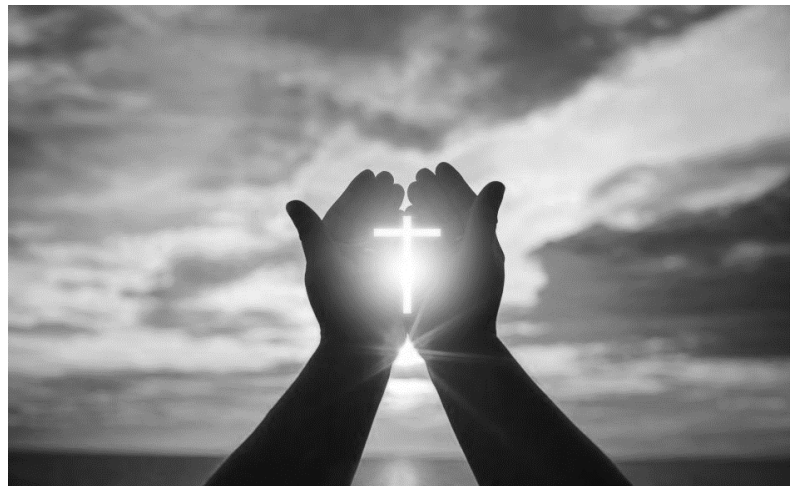
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

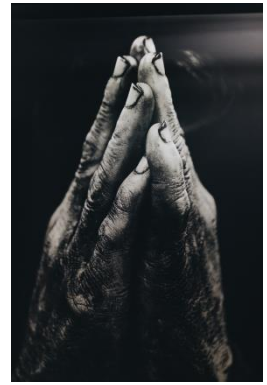


Prayers

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:

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| Mon | all who are missing loved ones |
| Tue | the NHS |
| Wed | our loved ones who we remember today |
| Thu | the lunch club |
| Fri | those seeking to deepen their spiritual lives |
| Sat | all who feel abandoned |

*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

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and he opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one

another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass 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.

All Souls - Commemoration of the faithful departed

Sunday 5th November 6.30 pm:

This year, the service will be at **St. John's**. Lists available at the back of each church if you would like names of your loved ones read out in the service. All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service to remember those who have died.

St. Wilfrid's Centre – A Christmas Fayre and Evening for Friends and

Supporters – Thursday 9th November 5-7 pm at St. Wilfrid's Centre, at the junction of Queens Road and Shoreham Street. Christmas cards, handmade nativity sets, woodcrafts and more. Items also available from the website www.stwilfridscentre.org

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 2.15pm 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 30th Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	10.30am	Coffee Morning	41 Rushley Road
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 1st Nov	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Mothers' Union coffee	St John's
Thurs 2nd Nov	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
Fri 3rd Nov	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's

Next Sunday 5th November – Fourth Sunday before Advent - All Saints/Souls

	10.00am	All Saints All Age Worship/ Communion	Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	All Souls - Commemoration of the Faithful departed	St John's
Looking Ahead:			
Fri 10 - Sat 18 Nov	St John's Hall unavailable TOADS rehearsals and production		

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