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As we approach Holy Week and Easter, there are a number of important items of news. We were delighted to hear the announcement last Sunday about our new Curate-in-Charge, in this notice from the Archdeacon:

Following a careful discernment and application process, we are delighted to announce that Bishop Sophie has appointed the Revd Matt Wood as Curate in Charge of the Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses. Curate in Charge appointments are a new venture for the Diocese of Sheffield, but all those involved in the discernment process are convinced that Matt has the necessary call, gifts and experiences to work with us in serving the mission the God in this parish and mission area. Matt will join us from 1st July on a full-time secondment from Ranmoor St John the Evangelist, where he is serving his curacy, and his role here will continue until his curacy is signed off, at which point there will be a formal process of application and interview for the Oversight Minister post. So as not to undermine due process in the future appointment of our Oversight Minister, Matt will not be moving into the Vicarage here while serving as Curate in Charge. Nevertheless, Matt will be joining us full-time while he completes his curacy under the oversight of the Revd Canon Matthew Rhodes, his Training Incumbent. As those privileged to have been involved in this discernment process, we are delighted that Matt has accepted Bishop Sophie's invitation, and we very much look forward to welcoming him to our churches in the summer.

Grateful thanks are due to Vanessa and Liz, our parish representatives, and the other church wardens, in all that they have done in the lead-up to this point. We pray for Matt as he prepares to join our parish in July.

This Sunday evening, Palm Sunday, we have an evening service at 6.30 pm. It will also be broadcast live on Zoom, then a recording will be available on the website.

Other dates to note:

- In addition to the list of events that we circulated last week, there will be an Easter Egg hunt following the Easter Sunday service.
- The Litany of Reconciliation will next take place on Thursday 21 April at 12 noon on the grass outside Holy Trinity Church in Grove Road.
- Rev'd Ian Maher will preach and preside at the 10am Holy Communion Service in St. John's Church Hall on Sunday 24 April.
- Notice has been given of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 24 April at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.

The funeral of Stan Nuttall will take place on Thursday 28 April at 11.15 in Holy Trinity Church. Let us hold Jennie, Gillian, Liz and all the family in our prayers. Let us also pray for all who are sick at this time.

I wish everyone a blessed holy week and a joyful Easter.

With warm wishes,

Angie