

# The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 5th November 2023

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

at Holy Trinity      10.00am      All Age Worship/Parish Communion

Hymns                      134                      For all the saints  
                                    14                      All heaven declares  
                                    222                      I am the bread of life

Communion                53                      Be still for the presence of the Lord  
                                    70                      Bright the vision that delighted

*Anthem*                      Lord I trust thee - Handel

at St John's                6.30pm                All Souls - Commemoration of the Faithful departed

Readings:                      Isaiah 56.3-8  
                                    Hebrews 12. 18-24  
                                    Matthew 5. 1-12

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen</p>	<p>Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; 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.

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.

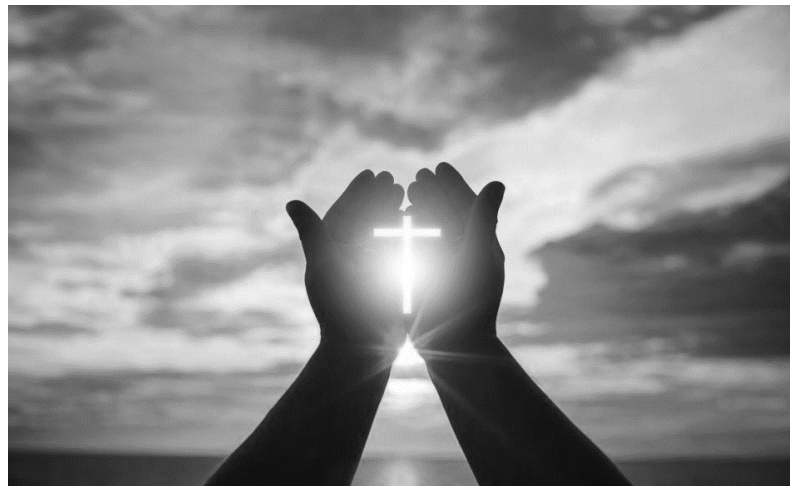
**Toilet facilities:** at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

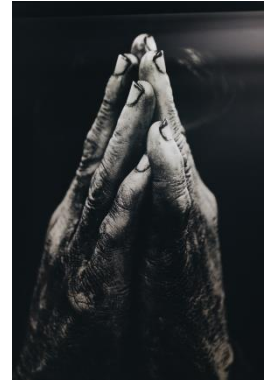


## Prayers

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:*

<b>Mon</b>	all who find themselves in new situations
<b>Tue</b>	people fleeing their homes
<b>Wed</b>	all who are worried about finances
<b>Thu</b>	peace in all situations of conflict
<b>Fri</b>	generosity of spirit
<b>Sat</b>	TRIO magazine

*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

### Isaiah 56.3-8

Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, 'The LORD will surely separate me from his people'; and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.' For thus says the LORD:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant, these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### Hebrews 12.18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## **Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12**

### **The Beatitudes**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Notices

### **Notice from the Churchwardens:**

After a meeting with the Area Dean on Monday 25th September, the Wardens are pleased to announce that the Service for Licensing and Installation of Rev'd Nicholas Noble is planned for Sunday 17th 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 and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed:**

All are welcome to this service at 6.30 at St. John's tonight Sunday, 5th November.

**St. Wilfrid's Centre – A Christmas Fayre and Evening for Friends and Supporters – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm** 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](http://www.stwilfridscentre.org)

**On November 12th**, there will be a **Service of Wholeness and Healing** at Holy Trinity at 6.30pm. All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service.

**From Margaret Minns:**

The speaker at Mothers Union on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TOADS presents:**

**TONS OF MONEY** - a farcical comedy

St John’s Church Hall - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Weeknights 7.30pm and Saturday matinee only at 2.30pm

Tickets £7.00, concessions £6.00. For tickets call 0114 2351206 or email [tickets@toads-drama.co.uk](mailto:tickets@toads-drama.co.uk)

**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 November, 21st December.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** - 25th November 10.00am - 2.00pm. Please offer your support and gifts to - New Gifts to Val Wiley, Raffle Pat Roddis, Craft Claire Justice, Cakes Jenny Paddock, Bric a Brac David Crosby, Bottles and Jars Rosie Nixon. Four Charities will raise money for their causes, Childline, Traidcraft, Water Aid and Millhouses Methodist Church. Children can visit Santa, make Marzipan Fruits and craft. Ian and Karen Hunter will provide coffee, soup and butties. There will be music from The Blues Group, Handbell Ringers, Guitar Graeme and Fran and Pat. We will need Welcomers in both buildings and Muscle-Men/Women to help to clear away and reinstate the church at 2.30pm. Many thanks to all the volunteers. David & Gail

## 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 6th Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 8th Nov	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thurs 9th 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 10th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Fri 10th – Sat 18th Nov	St John's Hall unavailable TOADS rehearsals and production		
<b>Next Sunday 12th November – Third Sunday before Advent</b>			
	10.00am	Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
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	6.30pm	Wholeness and Healing	Holy Trinity
<b>Looking Ahead:</b>			
Tues 14th Nov	10.30am	Coffee Morning	112 Button Hill

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

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