

# The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday - The Third Sunday before Advent

**at Holy Trinity                    10.00am    Remembrance Service with Holy Communion**

**Hymns**                            114    Eternal Father strong to save  
    139    For the healing of the nations  
    366    O God our help in ages past

*Communion*                    52     Be still and know  
    519    Thy kingdom come O God

*Anthem*                            O Valiant Hearts

**6.30pm      Service of Wholeness and Healing**

**at St John's                      10.00am    Remembrance Service with Holy Communion**

**Hymns**                            483    O God our help in ages past  
    170    For the healing of the nations  
    481    O God of earth and altar

*Communion*                    129    Dear Lord and father of mankind  
    22     All people that on earth do dwell

**Readings**                      Amos 5.18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

| <b>Collect</b>   | <b>Post Communion Prayer</b>   |
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| Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen | God of peace,<br>whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:<br>look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;<br>through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen |

## 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.

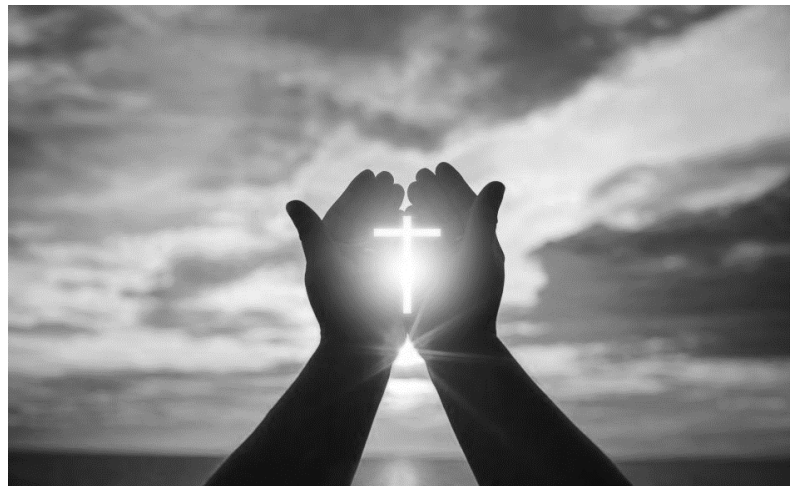
**Toilet facilities:** at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

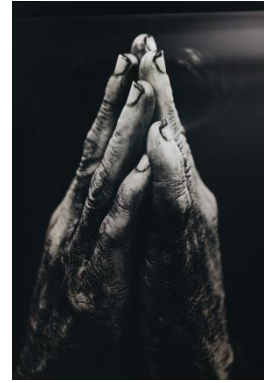


## Prayers

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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| <b>Mon</b> | all who have had their hopes dashed            |
| <b>Tue</b> | good relationships between local churches      |
| <b>Wed</b> | children who are denied their childhood        |
| <b>Thu</b> | carers in the community                        |
| <b>Fri</b> | peace where it seems impossible                |
| <b>Sat</b> | rest and relaxation for the tired and stressed |

*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

### **Amos 5.18-24** | *The Day of the LORD a Dark Day*

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### **1 Thessalonians 4.13-end** | *The Coming of the Lord*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **Matthew 25.1-13** | *The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids*

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## 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.

**This evening** 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

### **Decorating Holy Trinity Church**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas and Nicholas' Induction on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will need good evergreens such as ivy, laurel and holly, especially variegated holly with or without berries. It would be a big help if this could be left in church during the week, but help could be arranged if this is difficult. Please let me know and thank you in advance. Pat Gregory

### **Women's Refuge**

Mother's Union are gathering small toiletry gifts for the ladies and clean, tidy books for the children this Christmas. The children range from very young up to sixteen. One of the two refugees in Sheffield is local. There will be a box at the back of St. John's during November for donated items. Many thanks in advance. Margaret Minns

### **Used Stamps**

Used stamps can be placed in the box at the back of church to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## 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 13th Nov   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer           | HT & Zoom           |
|  | 1.30pm  | Handbell Practice        | 94 Room St John's   |
|  | 6.30pm  | Snooker                  | St John's Hall      |
| Tues 14th Nov  | 10.30am   | Coffee Morning           | 112 Button Hill     |
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| Wed 15th Nov   | 10.00am   | Community Café           | Holy Trinity        |
|  | 10.00am   | Holy Communion           | Holy Trinity        |
|  | 2.15pm  | Mothers Union            | St John's           |
|  |   |                          |                     |
| Thurs 16th Nov   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer           | HT & Zoom           |
|  | 10.00am   | Trinity Tots             | Holy Trinity        |
|  | 11.00am   | Lunch Club               | St John's           |
|  | 12.00   | Litany of Reconciliation | St John's           |
|  |   |                          |                     |
| Fri 17th Nov   | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice           | <b>Holy Trinity</b> |
|  |   |                          |                     |
| Fri 10th –<br>Sat 18th Nov                                     | St John's Hall unavailable<br>TOADS rehearsals and production |                          |                     |
| <b>Next Sunday 19th November – Second Sunday before Advent</b> |   |                          |                     |
|  | 10.00am   | Parish Communion         | Holy Trinity        |
|  |   |                          |                     |
| <b>Looking Ahead</b>   |   |                          |                     |
| Sat 25th Nov   | 10.00am-<br>2.00pm  | Christmas is Coming      | Holy Trinity        |
| Mon 27th Nov   | 10.30am   | Coffee Morning           | 650 Abbey Lane      |
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Items for next week's pew sheet to Bev by **latest 5.00pm Wednesday**, please.  
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