

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

at Holy Trinity 10.00am All Age Communion

Hymns 324 Love's redeeming work
 279 Jesus stand among us
 14 All heaven declares
Communion 500 There is a Redeemer
 495 The strife is o'er

Anthem **This Joyful Eastertide – Wood**

Readings Acts 4. 32-35
 1 John 1. 1-2.2
 John 20. 19 - end

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Both churches are equipped with a **hearing loop** system. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

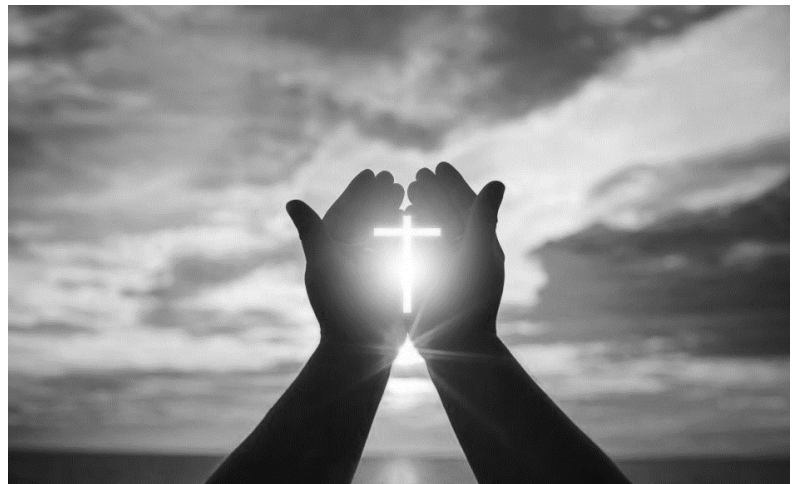
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

You may wish to use the prayer below to help you to **prepare for worship** this morning.

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

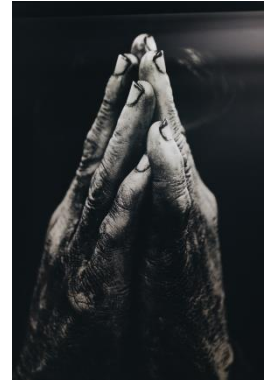


Prayers

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:*

Mon	all undergoing medical treatment
Tues	deepening of our relationship with God
Wed	those who are struggling with finances
Thurs	young people deprived of opportunities for education and health
Fri	those grieving for the loss of loved ones
Sat	fairness in business, sport and industry

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

Acts 4.32-35 | *The Believers Share Their Possessions*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The First Letter of John

1 John 1.1-2.2 | *The Word of Life*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

God Is Light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel: John 20.19-end | *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Notices:

About the Golddigger Trust, our 2024 Lent Appeal Charity. This is a Christian faith-based charity based in Sheffield and works for the wellbeing of young people. The website says this about their values: *We are committed to transforming the lives of young people by equipping them with positive wellbeing and the skills to make good life decisions. We believe that by developing healthy self-esteem and positive wellbeing, encouraged by consistent support, young people are equipped to be all they can be and to face the challenges life may throw them on the way.*

<https://www.golddiggertrust.co.uk/overview-about-us>

The next **Litany of Reconciliation** will be on Thursday *18 April*, 12noon by the war memorial at St. John's. All welcome to join in this short prayer for peace and forgiveness. *Future dates - third Thursday of each month i.e. 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.*

The funeral of Noreen Thompson (Gill Quarrell's mother) will take place at 1.15pm on **Friday 12th April** at Holy Trinity Church, followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome to this service to celebrate Noreen's 104 years of life. Let us pray for Gill and all the family at this time.

Diary

<i>Our churches are open this week for private prayer from 10.00am as follows: Holy Trinity Mon-Sat; St John's Mon-Thu</i>			
Mon 8th April	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Tues 9th April	10.30am	Coffee Morning	24 Hartington Rd S7 2LF
Wed 10th April	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Community Café	HT Hall
Thur 11th April	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	11.00am	Lunch club	St John's
	There will be no Trinity Tots until 18th April		
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Next Sunday 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter			
	10.00am	All Age Communion	St John's

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

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