

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 28th January 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

at St John's 10.00am Parish Communion

Hymns	369	King of Glory, King of Peace
	157	Firmly I believe and truly
	524	O Thou who camest from above
<i>Communion</i>	282	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
	673	Thou whose almighty word

Readings Deuteronomy 18. 15-20
 Revelation 12. 1-5a
 Mark 1. 21-28

Collect	Post Communion Prayer
<p>God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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>Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.

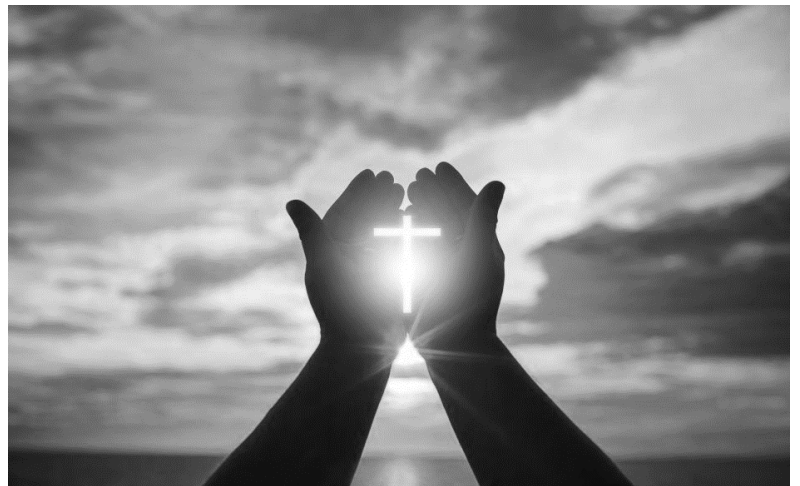
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

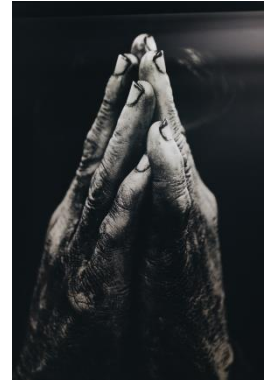


Prayers

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 who feel at the end of their tether
Tue	our appreciation of music in worship
Wed	carers in the community
Thu	fairness in trade globally
Fri	reconciliation in situations of apparent stalemate
Sat	our care of the natural world

*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

Deuteronomy 18.15-20 | *A New Prophet Like Moses*

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

Revelation 12.1-5 | *The Woman and the Dragon*

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28 | *The Man with an Unclean Spirit*

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Notices

Saturday 3rd February – Beetle Drive 6.30pm start at St John's. £7 including home-made pie and peas. (Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available on request). There is a sign up-sheet at the back of church or e-mail Vanessa at vanessaboddy@aol.com

The next **Litany of Reconciliation** will be on Thursday 15 February 12 noon 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. 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.*

Just a note from the Grace Foodbank

Holy Trinity has been involved with the Grace Foodbank for approximately 12 years and St John's has been involved ever since we joined together.

I never thought that in those 12 years there would be such an increase in the number of foodbanks and the clients whom they serve.

The Grace Foodbank has been wonderfully supported by Holy Trinity and St. John's and other churches in the area.

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Foodbank and their clients for everything you've donated over that period of time and assure you that your donations of food and money are hugely appreciated.

Please do continue to support the Grace Foodbank throughout 2024, as the need is greater than ever.

Thank you again,
Chris W.

Paperback books needed! We are in short supply of paperback books for our bookcase in the Church Hall at Holy Trinity. Donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the box on the floor on the right-hand side of the bookcase in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thank you.

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 29th Jan	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 31st Jan	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thurs 1st Feb	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 2nd Feb	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Sat 3rd Feb	6.30pm	Beetle Drive (details in notices)	St John's Hall
Next Sunday 4 February – Candlemas			
	10.00am	All Age Communion	Holy Trinity
Looking ahead:			
Sat 3rd Feb	6.30pm	Beetle Drive (see notices for details)	St John's Hall

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

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