

The Parish of Abbeydale & Millhouses

Loving God, valuing people, caring for His world

Sunday 19th November 2023

The Second Sunday before Advent

We welcome Rev'd Chris Stebbing to lead this morning's service

at Holy Trinity	10.00am Parish Communion
Hymns	158 Glorious things of thee are spoken 242 Immortal invisible God only wise 309 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
<i>Communion</i>	10 All for Jesus 535 We pray thee heavenly Father
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Ave verum corpus - Corelli</i>

Readings	Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11 Matthew 25. 14-30
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Collect	Post Communion Prayer
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen	Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.

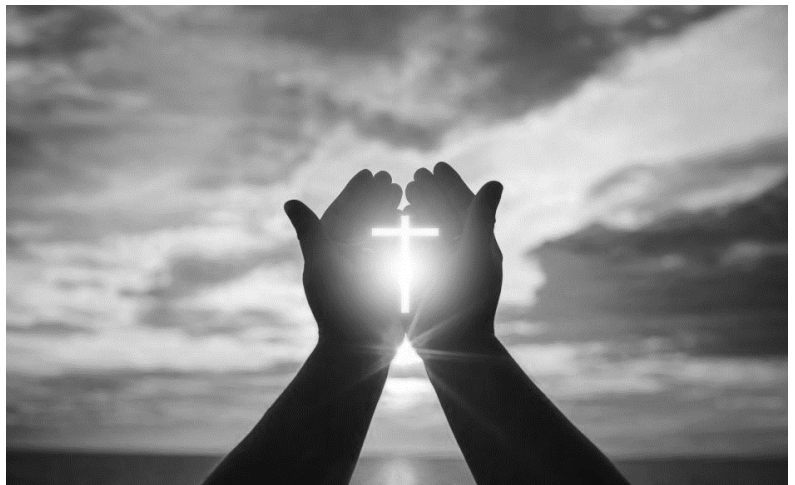
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

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

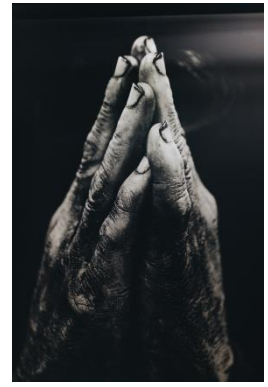


Prayers

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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| Mon | rest for all who are feeling tired |
| Tue | students who are struggling |
| Wed | Bishop Sophie's visit to our deanery |
| Thu | good relationships in our churches |
| Fri | all who use food banks |
| Sat | all attending in Christmas is Coming |

*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

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1.Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30 | *The Parable of the Talents*

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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.

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 15th 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

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.
21st December.

Christmas at The Grace Food Bank – from Chris Wrigley

Firstly, thank you for all your support throughout this year. As you can imagine it has been a demanding one for the Foodbank. This Christmas, I'm asking if we, at St John's and Holy Trinity, could please concentrate on the following items for our Christmas Wish List: Christmas biscuits, Pringles, Cheddars, Fizzy grape juice, tins of Salmon or Ham, sachets of Custard, small biscuits for Cheese.

This needs to be packed at the Foodbank in the early part of December, and so it would be helpful if your wonderful gifts could be put in the Foodbank boxes at the back of the respective churches by Sunday 3rd of December.

On behalf of those who are in need at this time "Thank you so much". Chris

A Plea for Help!!

TRIO is a significant outreach tool showing the Parish that we, as a church are very much alive. Many non-church attenders really appreciate the magazine but unfortunately some areas of the Parish did not receive their Harvest magazines because they were undelivered. Currently we have 69 deliverers, 20 of whom are not church members. Most of our able congregation are already deliverers for TRIO, but unfortunately age and infirmity mean that with every edition one or two deliverers feel unable to continue. Three more folk have informed me they do not wish to continue and we have several folk well into their 80s and even 90's.

THE SITUATION IS GETTING DESPERATE and the Christmas edition is out on 2nd December. So my plea, (and my prayer), to you all is to ask a neighbour, friend relative if they can spare about 45 mins, just four times a year, (only three hours per year!!), to deliver for us. Not a lot to ask!! Several of the 20 non-church folk whom I have recruited were actually delighted to help - even those who do not live in the parish... So don't be shy - just ask, PLEASE. Pat Jackson, TRIO Editor 0114 281 7557 pat.jackson@blueyonder.co.uk

Churches Together in Abbeydale are inviting us to an Advent study course - *Travelling Light* - at the Parish Centre, Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road 7.30pm till 9.00pm on Thursdays 30th Nov, 7th, 14th & 21st December. All welcome.

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 20th Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 22nd Nov	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thurs 23rd 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 24th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Next Sunday 26th November – Christ the King – Sunday next before Advent			
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St John's
Looking Ahead			
Sat 25th Nov	10.00am- 2.00pm	Christmas is Coming	Holy Trinity
Mon 27th Nov	10.30am	Coffee Morning	650 Abbey Lane
Sun 3rd Dec	10.00am	Christingle, All Age worship	Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St John's

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

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