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Now that September is here, it feels like things are restarting after the summer break but also after the extended break because of Covid. Let us pray for all who are making new beginnings of any kind – at school, work, new homes, new circumstances, including restarting activities following a long break – that God will bless and guide all involved. Let us also pray for the sick, the bereaved and all who are finding life hard at this time.

Some information about our worship in the next few weeks:

The service **on Sunday 12th September** will be a '*Service of the Word*' at 10 am at St. John's. It will be led by a team of lay people from the congregation and I welcome all that they will bring to our worship. For any who would like to attend a Holy Communion Service on that day, there is a traditional service of Holy Communion at 9am at St. Chads, Woodseats.

Morning prayer restarted on Zoom last week and will continue at 9.30 am on Mondays and Thursdays. It is also held at St. John's at 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mid-week communion 10 am on Wednesdays – we will start this on a monthly basis, alternating between the churches as a trial for the Autumn. The first service will be at 10 am at St. John's on Wednesday 6th October, followed by Wednesday 3rd November at Holy Trinity.

We have a special and unique moment in the life of our Parish when **Bishop Pete** will be presiding and preaching at our Eucharist for the first time in Abbeydale and Millhouses. The service will be at 10am at Holy Trinity on Sunday 19th September and we welcome and encourage as many people as possible to join in worship that day, either at church or on Zoom. Bishop Pete will make a second visit to the parish to preach and preside at the Remembrance Day service on 14th November at St. John's, and we look forward to both visits. There will also be a Remembrance Day Service at 10am at Holy Trinity on 14th November.

Sunday 26th September is CCN Sunday – a day when we recommit ourselves as members of the Community of the Cross of Nails and our membership of this international community dedicated to fostering peace and reconciliation.

Diocesan Development Day will take place on Saturday October 2nd 9.30 – 12.30 at Philadelphia Campus. It will also be live streamed. To find out more please follow the link to the website <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/events/diocesan-development-day-2021> or contact Angie by phone 0114 236 2188 or email angielauener@me.com.

Please continue to pray for the wardens as they continue the process of finalising our parish profile and other essential activities during the vacancy; for the ministry team and all of our visiting clergy as we lead worship and please pray for all in our parish at this important time as we seek to be the body of Christ in Abbeydale and Millhouses and share God's love for all.

With warm wishes, Angie