

HOLY INNOCENTS  
FALLOWFIELD

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026  
The Sunday next before Lent



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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words **in bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Hearing-aid users please use the T-position to access the loop system. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

**HYMN 234**

*Please remain standing for the greeting and act of penitence.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts. In sorrow for our sin, we turn to him for mercy and for grace.

*A time of silent prayer follows, then:*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves.**

In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.

May God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone  
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT** The prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer the president says  
the Collect. At the end: **Amen.***

*Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.*

**FIRST READING** Exodus 24.12-end

*At the end: This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 2** *to a familiar tune  
from Archbishop Parker's Psalter, 1560*

**Why fum'th in fight the nations' spite,  
in fury raging stout?**

**Why tak'th in hand the people fond,  
vain things to bring about?**

**The kings arise, the Lords devise,  
in counsels met thereto;**

**Against the Lord, with false accord,  
against his word they go.**

**Be wise, therefore, ye kings the more  
Receive ye wisdom's lore:  
Ye judges strong, of right and wrong  
Now be advised before.  
The Lord in fear your service bear  
In humble heart rejoice  
Let rages be, resist not ye -  
To him lift up your voice.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia.... **Alleluia....**

Cleanse our hearts and minds, Lord God,  
that we may hear your holy Gospel  
in true faith and love. **Alleluia....**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 17.1-9

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit down for the sermon. The preacher today is the Revd Richard Young. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then please stand with the president for the Creed.*

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ  
**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful. After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*After the final section (for the departed) there will be a time of silent prayer. At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body. Let us  
then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found –  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight –  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*The president says a prayer over the gifts to which  
we all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*

The Lord be with you:  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues the prayer, thanking God  
for his saving works, and then invites the people to  
join their praises with the whole company of  
heaven:*

.....forever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president asks the Father to send the Holy  
Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then  
repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and  
cup*

.....Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES, joining our offering  
with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the  
prayer the president says:*

..... for ever and ever: **Amen.**

*The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all  
say together:*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو  
بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،  
و قرض های ما را شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.  
و ما ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم،  
زیرا را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
ملکوت و قوت و جلالتا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمین

*We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, whether or not yet confirmed, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion we sing hymn 177 and Alleluia, song of sweetness. When all have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle for the communion of those at home and there will be a time of silence. At the end of the silence all please stand with the President.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

**may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know  
his power to change and save.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN 178**

*PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.*

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

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MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

**1930**

**Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.**

SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

**1000 Foodbank**

NEXT SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

The First Sunday of Lent

**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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Alleluia, song of sweetness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia - our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep thine Easter,  
in our home beyond the sky,  
there to thee for ever singing  
alleluia joyfully.