

Message from Rev Karen, our Priest in charge: This Sunday we mark **Safeguarding Sunday**. Safeguarding is vitally important to us as a church and for this reason it will be the focus of the sermon. We realise that this may be triggering for some. Please be mindful of yourself and of one another. If you need to talk to someone about this do get in touch with **Val Dunsford**, our **Safeguarding Officer** on **07966 291617**

Monday

9:30am – 11:30am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 9:30am – 11am Warm Space at St James'

Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion & refreshments and fellowship

2pm Mothers' Union: The speaker Rev Dr Fox on "Experiences in the Setton Islands"

Thursday 6pm Taizé Service at St James, Clifton

Friday 6.30pm-8.30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY Christ the King 9-45am Parish Communion & Starfish Gang.

DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES:

Nov 24th **Gary Ellis'** funeral at 11.30am Barnsley Crematorium

Nov 24th 11.30 **Open the Book rehearsal** in church and

Nov 27th am & pm **Open the Book** in 3 local schools

Nov. 29th Superhero & Angels- Children's ADVENTure

Session for primary aged children 10am to 1pm £2.50; Christmas Craft, Singing, Refreshments, Games, Lego.

To book a place, please, contact Lucy on 07707863901.

Also on Nov 29th **Advent Day of Prayer** at St James'

Nov 30th Advent Sunday: 9-45am Parish Communion & Starfish Gang and at 6pm **Advent Carol Service** (a service of readings and music).

Dec 6th 10-30am – 3pm Christmas Tree Festival

This year's theme is "A White Christmas". All trees welcome from individuals, families or groups. Refreshments from 10.30am and roast pork sandwiches from 12 and stalls include craft, jewellery, books, cakes and surprise bags. Contributions to the surprise bags may be brought to church. Helpers would be very much appreciated. Contact Suzanne on 07773659714 or speak to her or Joan Kay. Proceeds to Children & Youth Ministry and Activities.

Are you interested in joining the **Diocesan Prayer Community WhatsApp Channel**? For further details follow the link below :

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/support/for-churches/worship-prayer/2025-prayer-community/>

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TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND REMEMBER GOD IS GOOD

St. Mary Magdalene, Whiston
Part of the Mission Area with St Cuthbert & St James
16th November 2025 SAFEGUARDING Sunday



9-45 am PARISH COMMUNION & STARFISH GANG

Setting: Rizza– Mass of St Benedict

Hymn on Back – May this place be one of nurture

621 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Anthem - Let us light a candle - Shepherd

584 – All my hope on God is founded

6 - 7.30 pm YouthZone at St Cuthbert's

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, for all those who are ill or anxious at this time, undergoing tests or treatment at home or in hospital or recovering from surgery or who are in a care home or housebound.

We pray for the recently departed Gary Ellis, and we pray for all those who mourn in particular his wife Alison and his children Rebecca and Thomas.

We pray for those in our memorial book whose anniversary occurs this week: Peter Hallam, Joan Posser, Fred Burgin, Rowland Dyson, Frederick Parkes, Ivan Willis, Mildred Walker and Barrie Marsden.

We pray for the victims of abuse & violence, intolerance & prejudice.

We pray, on this safeguarding Sunday, that our church may reflect the love of the Good Shepherd — watching over one another with care, compassion, and courage, so that all who come here may find safety and belonging.

RENEWAL OF RAINWATER DISPERSAL SYSTEM

The work on the upper part of the church has been completed and the rest of the work will be done in the next 7-10 days. **Urgent repairs are needed to the pinnacles**, which will cost **£6,900 plus VAT**. Until they are done, the area below the pinnacles will be cordoned off for safety reasons. We continue to raise funds for the Appeal.

Bank details:

Church Bank Account: TSB Sort Code 77-74-02

Account Number 0007 1841

Cheque payable to PCC for the Parish of Whiston

To make best use of the hearing loop system in Church those who use a hearing aid should set their aid to the 'T' setting.



After the Sunday and Wednesday morning services, please stay for refreshments. As a Church, we support Fairtrade.



1st Hymn

**May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your
kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.**

**For our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.**

**When the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
and each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:
then your justice stands like
mountains
and your mercy falls like rain,
and you hold the brokenhearted
till they learn to live again.**

**So in gratitude we praise you,
and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and
courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.**