

A Few Words on the Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 The prophet Ezekiel evokes the wonderful promise made by God to care for his people. A promise that he so wonderfully renews, time and time again. **God is the shepherd of his people** but they, his sheep, belong to him and he will ensure they are cared for.

Ephesians 1. 15-23 Paul speaks of God's power at work in his creation and in the Resurrection of Jesus. God has placed Jesus at his right hand in heaven and has given him authority over all things and made him the **Head of the Church**, his body on earth. As members of his body we receive his life-giving power in our own lives.

Matthew 25. 31-end Just before his passion Jesus speaks of the Last Judgement. He refers to himself both as **the shepherd** who will separate his sheep from the goats and as the Son of Man who will be seated on **a royal throne**. Jesus the King and the Shepherd, just as Ezekiel had said. Jesus goes on to show what is expected of those who will enter into his Kingdom – they are to care for the poor and disadvantaged. **Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.** We pray that we might continue to serve him in others.

News from our link Diocese of Argentina.

On Saturday 28th November the Revd. Brian Williams, Bishop designate of Argentina since last year, will be consecrated as Bishop. Brian has been to Whiston and he presided and preached at our Parish Eucharist in September 2007 at a time of interregnum in our parish.

Other Resources & Opportunities for worship

Radio & TV

Sunday Worship on Radio 4 at 8-10 am

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15 pm.

Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 Wednesday at 3-30pm & on Sundays at 3.00pm

The Daily Service (15 minutes on weekdays) at 9h45 on BBC Radio 4 long wave.

Diocese of Sheffield : There is a new weekly online prayer event, lasting 30 minutes, which will take place on Thursdays at 6pm. This is in addition to the weekly service of Morning Prayer led by members of the Bishop's Senior Staff Team at 8am every Thursday morning which will continue through November and to which all are of course welcome. You will find these events at the Facebook link [here](#).

Church of England : Weekly online Sunday Worship service **at 9 am** on www.churchofengland.org

Sheffield Cathedral : Sunday Service **at 10-30am** live streamed on Facebook and YouTube see website www.sheffieldcathedral.org. Also **Eucharist** Tuesdays -Saturdays **9-30am**.

Rotherham Minister : <https://rotherhamminster.co.uk/>

Use the link above for Sunday Worship by YouTube at 10.30 am.

The Minster is open for private prayers on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 11.00-13.00.