

# PARISH NOTES

Welcome to  
**St John the Divine**  
The Parish Church of  
**Menston with Woodhead**



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

27 DECEMBER 2020

**Sunday 9.30am - Zest**

**Sunday 11am - Service of the Word** with optional Eucharist at the end  
(any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

Social distancing and hygiene measures should be maintained, including the wearing of a mask unless exempt. You can find various resources on our website to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, readings, crafts and so much more. Every Sunday you can also find resources from our services, including a video recording of the service and the written sermon—[Click here!](#)

## READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): ISAIAH 61: 10 – 62: 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

## READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): LUKE 2: 15 - 21

*The Vindication and Salvation of Zion*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Jesus Is Named*

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## WE PRAY FOR



**The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,  
Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

**Memorial Book:** William Daw, Margaret Busby, Eric Busby, Eleanor  
Morrell, Brenda Walton

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- \* The media and the arts
- \* Farming and fishing
- \* Commerce and industry
- \* Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- \* All who are unemployed

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Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame So that in our time,  
many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen

### LIGHT UP A LIFE

31 December & 1 January  
Howard Thomas William Goth.  
Always Remembered.

### WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

Please note, there will be no  
communion on 30 December.

### COVENANT SERVICE

On 3 January the 11am service at St  
John's will follow the service pattern  
of the Methodist's Covenant service  
since this would normally be a joint  
service. By sharing their liturgy, we  
are being together even though we  
are separate.

### DIAL-A-SERMON—01943 666875

St John's has a phone line which  
offers a short Service of the Word.  
The call is charged at your local rate  
(i.e. the price of a normal phone call)

### MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

The Menston helpline is available to  
support people in the village in the  
coming month(s). Please us know if  
we can help in any way.

### FUNDRAISING BOOKLETS

Published during the lockdown, two  
new booklets by David Machin are  
for sale at £5 each, every penny to  
the church roof fund.

- Let the Rafters Ring - verses fresh  
off the pen  
- Ding Dong Merrily - tasty tales to  
make you smile. - 'Verses for Funny  
Folk' (children and the young at  
heart)  
- Verse on the Wing - (our friends the  
birds)  
- Machinations'- (his first volume of  
short stories)  
You can get in touch by ringing  
872228 or emailing  
david@machdv.plus.com or

### CHAPLAIN'S CHUTNEY

Raising money for the roof appeal,  
Andrew has the following products,  
all homemade.  
- Old Dower House Chutney:  
traditional apple and plum a  
favourite!  
- Sweet Piccalilli: Northern favourite!  
- Christmas Chutney, cranberries,  
figs, Christmas spices.  
- Seville Marmalade, sunshine in a  
jar!  
- Lemon Curd, great for tea as well as  
breakfast.  
- Corn Chow-chow, like corn relish  
but better!

£4 a jar, all proceeds to the roof  
appeal. Please email or phone for  
safe delivery during lockdown  
[associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk](mailto:associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk) or