

PARISH NOTES

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



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 MAY 2020

We are sorry to announce that all public worship at St John's Parish Church, Menston has stopped until further notice because of the Coronavirus. During this time we are producing an alternative version of the Parish Notes. Please visit our website for regular updates from St John's.

READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): Exodus 19:3-9

The Israelites Reach Mount Sinai

Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a

dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after."

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): John 10:1-6

Jesus the Good Shepherd

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Harold Sharp, Bill Scott, Harry Swarbrick, Joyce Edmondson, Maud Storer, Doreen Hudson

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- * The social services
- * All who work in the criminal justice system
- * Victims and perpetrators of crime
- * The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- * Those living in poverty or under oppression

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God of heaven and earth,
in these times of isolation apart from loved ones,
distant from friends, away from neighbours
thank you that there is nothing in all of creation,
that is able to separate us from your love.

Amen.



Christian Aid Week: 10-16 May

Once again we reach out to our neighbours near and far. Coronavirus impacts all of us but love unites us all. It's affecting many vulnerable people with no access to clean water. We can help to limit the impact of the virus. Take part in Christian Aid Week by joining the Sunday service on the 10 May at 1pm: guest speakers, prayers from our partners and a sermon from Dr Rowan Williams. Throughout Christian Aid Week short reflections will be streamed each day www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/daily-prayer-reflection And we can still donate via the e-Envelope scheme and save lives <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>

DAILY HOPE

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free phone line as a new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and free to call – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during restrictions.

PARISH MAGAZINE

May's Parish Magazine is now available to read online by visiting www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine

MENSTON HELPLINE

There is now a coronavirus helpline number for anyone who may need it in Menston, do not hesitate to call: 874335.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our website to find service resources, including a weekly craft, sermon and reflection video, as well as prayer resources, Andrew's reading of David Kossoff's retelling of Bible stories, an Ephesians series of reflections, and much

more! If you have an idea of something you would like to see on the website, or something you would find helpful, please email Steve! vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a fantastic way of affirming the promises made at your baptism and being commissioned into God's service for the next chapter of your life. A confirmation service is planned to take place in church on Sunday 27 September with Bishop Toby. If this is something you might like to explore, please contact the Vicar (Steve).

A NOTE FROM STEVE

No-one knows how long it will be until we are able to meet again in person. However, as vicar, I encourage you to make it part of your daily lock-down routine to pray for each other. I know many of you are already doing this, but if you all committed to praying for 5 people from the congregation each day, I'm sure that would be a massive help to both the prayer and those who are prayed for. As the church, the body of Christ, we are never fully alone, but it is our responsibility to pray for each other in this time of lockdown. So if you aren't doing it already, please pick 5 people and pray for them each day. Thanks.