

PARISH NOTES

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APCM

18 APRIL 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest in church, in person

Sunday 11am - Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

In person, in church (any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

This years APCM will be part of todays 11am service

Wednesday 9.30am - Midweek Communion in church, in person

Private Prayer— The church building will be open for prayer after Wednesday's
and Sunday's service until 4pm.

You can also find various resources on to aid in worship from home, including
prayer resources, videos, crafts, weekly sermon texts, weekly sermon videos and
more on [our website](#).

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 4

Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): LUKE 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about
seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about
everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with
each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were
kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together
as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him,
"Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that
have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word
and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our
rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but
we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what
is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our
women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his
body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he
was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as
the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

April 22: For my husband,
remembered with love every day.

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s) - 01943 874335

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.

FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

At St John's we have long been thinking of ways in which we can connect, encourage and pray for/with each other during the week as well as on Sunday. One of the ways we can do this is using a new online prayer group which has been set up using Facebook. This is a moderated 'closed group', which simply means that only people connected with St John's will be able to access it, but it will be a great

opportunity for our church family to share prayer requests and answers to prayer and to share encouragement from your daily bible study and personal prayer. **The group is on Facebook and is called 'St John's, Menston Prayer Group'.** Join up and pray! Any questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The April Parish Magazine is now available to [read online](#).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Thank you to all those who supported the WDP service this year. We received many positive reviews for our online service reaching friends and family nationally and internationally. £335 was donated via envelopes and we know some people donated directly online. The money raised will be distributed amongst the various charities who are supported by the WDP organisation. Many thanks from the Burley and Menston WDP

WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson, Julie Barker, Margaret Bailey
- The Deceased:** James Alexander Jackson
- Memorial Book:** Bill Rowe, Raymond Freegard, Edmund Pedley, George Dracup, Michael Dracup, Lawrence Rawling, Dorothy Dracup, Derek Leopold, Arnold Green, Barbara Hannam, James Bradley

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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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Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for wisdom and support for our APCM. May everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help. We ask for guidance throughout this meeting that all of our thoughts and actions would reflect your Holy will. Remind us that all we do here today is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you. Amen.