

PARISH NOTES

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



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21 MARCH 2021

Sunday 11am - Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist
In person, in church (any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

Private Prayer— The church building will be open for prayer on Wednesdays
from 10am-4pm & Sundays after the Service of the Word until 4pm.
Social distancing and hygiene measures should be maintained,
including the wearing of a mask unless exempt.

Wednesday Morning Holy communion is cancelled until further notice.
Sunday's Zest services is now [online only](#). You can also find various resources
on to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, crafts,
weekly sermon texts and more on [our website](#).

**See the final page of the Parish Notes for St John's Easter
services and events.**

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): GENESIS 1: 20—23

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let
birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the
great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with

which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw
that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill
the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was
evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): LUKE 12: 22—34

Do Not Worry

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more
than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they
neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God
feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any
of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not
able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?
Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you,
even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so
clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown
into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And
do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and
do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all
these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for
his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give
you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for
yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no
thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being updated for the Annual Parish meeting on Sunday April 18th. The Roll will be on view on Sunday; if you would like to apply to be on the Roll, forms are available in the red folder. This Sunday is the last day to return forms. *Elizabeth Leopold*

MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

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

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.

EASTER LILLIES

Easter Day is Sunday 4 April. If you wish to contribute to the lilies which decorate St John's at Eastertide please leave your donation with the Parish Office or church wardens in an envelope marked Easter Lilies.

150th ANNIVERSARY RECIPE BOOK

We are hoping to produce a recipe book as part of the celebrations for St John's 150th anniversary. We would like contributions of your favourite recipes to be included. Please contact Sue Lee 875393.

HAMPERS FOR THE HOMELESS

St John's regularly supports Hampers for the Homeless. Vicky Taylor would be thrilled to receive any tinned foods in boxes under the arch at her house—1 Church View.

GOOD FRIDAY PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open for prayer on Good Friday from 10AM—4PM.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson, Julie Barker, Margaret Bailey

Memorial Book:

May Bickle, Roy Earle, Annie Thomas, Alan Smethurst, Laurence Johnson, Joan Heaton, Bob Sharp, Eva Rogers

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- * Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- * Those whose time is spent caring for others
- * Those who are close to death
- * Those who have lost hope
- * The worship of the Church

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Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

ST JOHN'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

This year we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Church building. There was a small worshipping community who had been meeting in a cottage up Derry Hill, but on 28 April 1871, our beautiful Church was consecrated for worship. We are planning all sorts of events to celebrate this year, and after last year it is good to have reasons to celebrate and look forward, but for now I am officially challenging everyone to our first event. We are having a **Poetry Competition** to mark this big birthday. The theme must be something about St Johns and the anniversary, but your imagination is the limit.

We want everyone to feel able to enter, so there are three categories—Under 10 years, Over 10 years & Adults. The winning poems will be published in our celebration souvenir brochure, and there will be prizes... So, get your pen and paper, and see what you can do. Closing Date **TODAY: Sunday 21**

March. Entries to: associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk

Good luck writing! Andrew.

Next week, **Climate Action Menston (CAM)** is holding two free events, open for everyone to attend online.

* **Monday 22nd March at 6pm: A Vision for Main Street.**

* **Tuesday 23rd March at 7:30pm: How to Super-Insulate Your House to make it Warm and Comfortable - and Reduce Your Fuel Bills! By Andy Walker**

For more details and for information on how to book, [visit our website.](#)

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EASTER

Maundy	9.30am	Online YouTube Holy Communion
Thursday	5.00pm	Zoomy-Zest-Eat-Along Last Supper <i>Eat together and talk about Easter</i>
Easter	11.00am	Service in church <i>followed by optional Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	All Day	Zest Easter Sunday service online

Plus, online all of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Zest Event



ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

For services and further details visit
www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/easter