

PARISH NOTES

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



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5 JULY 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. Please visit our website for regular updates from St John's.

READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 13

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain[a] in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 11: 16-19, 25-END

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Jesus Thanks His Father

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Marion Moorby, Donald Rollinson, Hannah
Robinson, Jeremy Dowell, Doris Nelson, Louise
Navias, David Whitaker

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- * Local government, community leaders
- * All who provide local services
- * Those who work with young or elderly people
- * Schools, colleges and universities
- Emergency and rescue organizations

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Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

Sunday Resources on the website

There is a new Service of the Word video and a new
Zest service video on our website this Sunday morning! Head over to
www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/weekly-resources to watch!

The church building at St John's will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 2pm to 5pm.

This represents a first step in opening the church for private prayer and will be the pattern of opening times until this is reviewed in a few weeks. There will be various restrictions in place on the use of the building, such as a maximum of 16 people within the building at one time, and seating only on specified pews in order to protect all those who use the building. Visitors are asked to make use of the hand sanitizer provided on entry and exit.

ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total **£24,430** which, with Gift Aid, amounts to **£29,343**. Many thanks to those who have responded so generously. We have not yet 'hit our target' so please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we have postponed the distribution of appeal letters to the wider community and, of course, there have been no recent fundraising events.

DIAL-A-SERMON

St John's has a phone line which offers a short Service of the Word. The call is charged at your local rate (ie. the standard local rate of your phone

tariff) and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **01943 666875**

COMMUNION

Bishop Nick has approved Communion before Confirmation at St John's. This means that a person is now allowed to take part in consumption of the sacramental elements of communion before being confirmed. Please note, the child must be aged 7 or over and a period of preparation will be required, as well as written consent from a parent/guardian

PARISH MAGAZINE

The July/August edition of the parish magazine is now available to read online at www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine

Please can we remind everyone not to use the compost bins behind the Parish Room for personal garden waste. Recently some hardwood bamboo has been left which will not compost which uses up space we need. We are limited for space and due to the amount of recent growth we are having to bag up the waste and take it to Ilkley as we cannot use Ellar Ghyll at the moment. We appreciate this may not be a church member but if you see anybody using the compost bins please remind them it is for church use only. Thank you for your help and understanding - The Gardening Team