

# PARISH NOTES

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



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

24 JANUARY 2021

**Sunday 11am - Service of the Word** followed by optional Eucharist  
In person, in church (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): GENESIS 14: 17—20

### *Abram Blessed by Melchizedek*

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 2: 1–11

### *The Wedding at Cana*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## PRAYER MEETING FOR CHURCH ROOF

On Sunday 24 January at 8.15pm there will be a prayer meeting for the Church roof via Zoom.

Link to Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81642287679>

Meeting ID: 816 4228 7679

Please get in touch if you need any help!

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

Due to the national lockdown, we have taken the decision to postpone Wednesday Morning Holy communion until further notice.

## ZEST

Sunday's Zest services will now be online. On our [Sunday Resources page](#) you will find the service video, readings and weekly crafts.

## PRIVATE PRAYER

The church building will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 10am-4pm, and Sundays after the Service of the Word until 4pm.

## 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 (i.e. the price of a normal phone call)

## HELP—FACEBOOK

If you are a regular user of Facebook and are willing to help Revd Steve with something (which isn't onerous but would require a regular check of facebook) please get in contact with him for more details. [vicar@stjohnmenton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnmenton.org.uk)

## 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 & 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](mailto:david@machdv.plus.com)

## WE PRAY FOR



### The Sick:

Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

### Memorial Book:

Marjorie Muschamp, Phyllis Goodison, Nellie Turton, Richard White, Carol Morris, Leslie Jagger, Catherine Allewell, Florence Watkinson, Fred Nuttall

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- \* The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces
- \* Peace and justice in the world
- \* Those who work for reconciliation
- \* All whose lives are devastated by war and strife
- \* Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

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O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:

let the design of thy great love

lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:

and give peace to thy Church,

peace among nations,

peace in our dwellings,

and peace in our hearts:

through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.