

# PARISH NOTES

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



THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10 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 1: 1—5

### *Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”;

and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 1: 4—11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

### 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.

### PARISH MAGAZINE

Copy for the February edition of the magazine is due 17 January.

### 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)

### MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s). Please us know if we can help in any way.

### 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 Rafter's 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

### WE PRAY FOR



#### The Sick:

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

#### The Deceased:

Joyce Edgley

#### Memorial Book:

Wilfred Oldham, Doris Thomas, Alfred Wilkinson, Marjorie Williams, Mary Dalby, Susan Prince, Mary Hollings

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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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Let us worship the Christ who draws near to each of us.

Let us praise the Christ who loves the worst among us.

Let us bless the Christ who shares with the least among us.

Let us glorify the Christ who intercedes for all among us in the presence of God the Father.

Amen.