

PARISH NOTES

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



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7 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](#).

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): GENESIS 1: 9—13

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it

was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 15: 1-11

Jesus the True Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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 (ie. the normal price you would pay for a call).

HAMPERS FOR THE HOMELESS

St John's regularly supports Hampers for the Homeless. During lockdown the plight of many has got worse. Vicky Taylor would be thrilled to receive any tinned foods in boxes under the arch at her house (1 Church View - just opposite Church).

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being updated for the Annual Parish meeting on Sunday 18 April. 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. Completed forms should be returned to me, or to the Office in an envelope marked with my name by Sunday 21 March. If you cannot get to church and want a form, please contact me by e mail: ealeo200@hotmail.com
Elizabeth Leopold

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 Sunday 21 March. Entries to: associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk
Good luck writing! Andrew.

150th ANNIVERSARY RECIPE BOOK

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

PARISH MAGAZINE

The March edition of the Parish Magazine is now available to [read online](#).

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Marie Glennon, Albert Turton, Philip Tattersall, William Tomlinson, Joan Rabagliati, Lawrence Harland, Doris Sheffield, Jack Smith, John Wood, Ellen Hicks, Elizabeth Wright, Malcolm Barker, Ethel Pybus

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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 and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world,
your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.
Amen.

ERRATUM - Biblical Numbers Quiz in March Magazine

The answers to Questions 1-7 are all numbers. Add these together and subtract 100 from the total. Take the cube root of your answer to give you the answer Question 8.

1. Books of the Old Testament
2. Sundays in Lent
3. Longest Psalm
4. Beatitudes in Sermon on the Mount
5. Days between Easter Day and Ascension Day
6. Loaves and fishes total used to feed the five thousand
7. Good years predicted by Joseph to Pharaoh
8. *Book number in the New Testament*

With apologies from Heather Greig

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