

PARISH NOTES

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



THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

14 FEBRUARY 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. 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.

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): 2 KINGS 2: 1—12

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 9: 2– 9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.

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).

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be an Ash Wednesday service in church this Wednesday, 17 Feb at 9.30am. The imposition of ashes will be offered but rather than on the forehead they will be sprinkled on the head, in line with guidelines for Covid.

CHURCH ROOF PRAYER MEETING

The next Zoom Prayer Meeting for the Church Roof is on Sunday 28 Feb at

8.15pm. Join the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83303910584>

Meeting ID: 833 0391 0584

LIGHT UP A LIFE

17 February—Loving memories of my Mum on her anniversary.

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. These include..

- 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

You can get in touch by ringing 872228

or emailing david@machdv.plus.com

PARISH MAGAZINE—FEBRUARY

The February edition of the Parish magazine is now online. [Click here to read!](#)

PARISH MAGAZINE

Copy for the March magazine, which will be an on-line edition only, is due today, Sunday 14 February. Please email copy to both editor and Parish Office (office@stjohnmenston.org.uk) or leave copy for typing with the office.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Joan Wood, Grace Cliffe, Alison Hay, Ian Thomas, Barbara Nelson, Betty Rowe, John Carruthers, Robert Bedford

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- * The media and the arts
- * Farming and fishing
- * Commerce and Industry
- * Those Whose work is unfulfilling. stressful or fraught with danger
- * All who are unemployed

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God of our salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits
which harm our bodies and poison our minds
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHURCH ROOF APPEAL



There has been a tremendous response to the Roof Appeal, and donations from the congregation and the community add up to very nearly £40,000. With fundraising events/activities and Gift Aid added the total comes to £50,700. As we have raised 50% of what we require, we are now in a position to apply to grant making bodies, although we must also continue with our own fundraising activities and ongoing donations. This is quite an achievement given the constraints of the last year. Particular thanks to those who delivered the leaflets throughout the village – the financial response received means it was well worth it.