

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

27 January—1 February

Wednesday 9.00am Ecumenical Prayer at SS Fisher Moore Roman Catholic Church

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion
*Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-end;
Mark 4: 21-25*

Friday 10.00am Horizon Coffee Morning at Abbeyfield

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NEXT SUNDAY—THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30am Zest (Baptism of Charlotte Illman)

11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

*Please take the Parish Notes home with you as a reminder of the week's prayer concerns and events. This week's notes can be found on the home page of the church website www.stjohnmenston.org.uk.
If you are new to St John's please complete a pew card and hand it to one of our welcome team or clergy.*

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PARISH NOTES

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



The Third Sunday of EPIPHANY

26 January 2020

Readings: **Psalm 63** NT page 538
Matthew 6: 5—13 NT page 5—6

9.30am **Zest**

*Please join us for Fairtrade tea and coffee
in the Parish Room between 10 and 11am*

11.00am **Holy Communion (CW)**

Parents are welcome to use the family space in church

Hymn **396** (omit v.3)
Reader **Joyce Simpson**
Gradual Hymn **115** (omit v.3)
Offertory Hymn **343** (omit v.3)
Final Hymn **345** (omit vv 5 & 6)

We pray for



Home Communion: Myra Brougham & Ann Oliver

The Sick: Barbara Nelson, Ken Parker, John Marston, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Eva Pinthus, Marjorie Thompson, Madge & Eric Wilkinson, Dorothy Westwell

Memorial Book: Nellie Turton, Richard White, Carol Morris, Leslie Jagger, Catherine Allewell, Florence Watkinson, Fred Nuttall, Nan Dodd

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- * All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- * Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- * Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- * Those who are bereaved
- * All who work in the medical and healing professions

PRAYER MEETING

At 6.30pm **TODAY** there will be a prayer meeting for the **church roof**, lasting about an hour.

NEW KIDS CLUB—THE CORE!

St John's has a brand new kids club! The Core starts **TODAY** and will take place every third Sunday of the month thereafter. It's for ages 7-11 and runs from 3pm— 4.15pm in the parish room. Expect games, crafts, fun, a football table, outings, drinks

and snacks, and an exciting God-slot.

Everyone is welcome!

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Copy for the March magazine is due by Sunday 9 February. Please email copy to both editor and Parish Office or leave copy for typing with the office.

LIGHT UP A LIFE SPONSORSHIP

SCHEME Saturday 1 February—
"In loving memory of my dear Dad."

QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT

Friday 28 February at 7pm in the Parish Room. Tickets £10 from any member of the social committee. All proceeds to the church roof appeal.

SPRING BRIDGEDRIVE

Wednesday 25 March at 1.30pm in the Parish Room. Tickets £10 (including Afternoon Tea) from

Sandy or Ros. All proceeds to the church roof appeal.

CHURCH CLEANING

Wanted—new recruits to the church cleaning teams. The teams clean the church on a fortnightly rota but are desperate for some new recruits. If you can help please contact Glenys Prince.

Ecumenical Lent Groups 2020: The Church in the Night-time

Two years ago the churches of Burley and Menston shared together in a series of Lent house groups and a service of celebration. They were very well received and all sorts of new ideas and groups have flowed from them. Plans are afoot for a new series of ecumenical Lent groups based on some material that has been developed by Rev Tim Perkins titled, "The Church in the Night-time". The material has come out of Tim's experiences and reflections during his sabbatical two years ago. It focuses on the challenges we face both as individuals and as churches when we find ourselves in dark places and difficult times. How can we experience God in the midst of a life or church that might be marked by anxiety? How do we respond when God challenges our own need to be in control of what is happening in us and around us? What will the future look like for a church which in many places is in decline? The material will help us to live with the tension of these, and other, questions but also to see beyond them and discover that God works best in times of chaos and confusion because it is out of the darkness that he causes light to shine. The story of Scripture from the first page to the last is that God is always doing a new thing. The challenge for us is to live loosely with the old and discern where God might be showing us a new path to tread.

The groups will run weekly for 5 weeks from the beginning of March and conclude with a united service on the evening of Palm Sunday. If you would like to either host or facilitate a group please contact your Minister. Alternatively, email either Rev Tim Perkins or Jo Dixon to let them know which group would work best for you.
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