

PARISH NOTES

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 APRIL 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest in church, in person

Sunday 11am - Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

In person, in church (any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

Wednesday 9.30am - Midweek Communion in church, in person

Private Prayer— The church building will be open for prayer after
Wednesday and Sunday's services until 4pm.

You can also find various resources on to aid in worship from home,
including prayer resources, videos, crafts, weekly sermon texts, weekly
sermon videos and more on [our website](#).

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): TITUS 1

Salutation

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began— in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Saviour,

To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Titus in Crete

I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it.

There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for sordid gain what it is not right to teach. It was one of them, their very own prophet, who said,

"Cretans are always liars, vicious brutes, lazy gluttons."

That testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, so that they may become sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish myths or to commandments of those who reject the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure. Their very minds and consciences are corrupted. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my

own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s) - 01943 874335

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.

FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

At St John's we have long been thinking of ways in which we can connect, encourage and pray for/ with each other during the week as well as on Sunday. One of the ways we can do this is using a new online prayer group which has been set up using Facebook. This is a moderated 'closed group', which simply means that only people connected with St

John's will be able to access it, but it will be a great opportunity for our church family to share prayer requests and answers to prayer and to share encouragement from your daily bible study and personal prayer. **The group is on Facebook and is called 'St John's, Menston Prayer Group'.** Join up and pray! Any questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

POP A POUND

Please don't forget to bring your jam jars, containing the pound coins you have been collecting, to church and hand them to the duty warden. If this isn't possible they can be delivered to York House, 5 Church View.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

The Deceased:

Brian Agar

Memorial Book:

Marjorie Lee, William Butler, Valerie Green, Ivy Weyman, Edith Hollobone, Helen Voigt, Marjorie Flesher

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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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Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Amen.