

PARISH NOTES

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28 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. 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.

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): GENESIS 1: 6—8

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it
separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated
the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the
dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there
was morning, the second day.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 4: 1 – 14

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and
baptizing more disciples than John" —although it was not Jesus himself but his
disciples who baptized— he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to
go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot

of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and
Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a
drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman
said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of
Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus
answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you,
'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you
living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is
deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor
Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from
it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty
again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be
thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing
up to eternal life."

ST JOHN'S 150th ANNIVERSARY POETRY COMPETITION

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.

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

Many of you will remember how, before the lockdowns, we were regularly supporting the Hampers for the Homeless with food collections each week at the back of Church. 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). In particular need are soups and tinned stews.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place annually on the first Friday of March. This year, St Mary's Burley is hosting the service at 10.30am on Friday 5 March. It will be available via Zoom and for the following week. To participate, visit: www.burleyparishchurch.org.uk. There are service booklets available from either Kathy Roberts 874229 or Judith Johns 872892.

ELECTORAL ROLL

From March 7 the Electoral Roll is being revised; further details are in the March magazine and will be on next week's Notes.

LIGHT UP A LIFE—2 MARCH

Remembering my Dad with love on his anniversary.

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 £53,549.40. 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.

CHURCH ROOF PRAYER MEETING

The 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

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Michael Grady, Nancy Walton, Susannah Rawnsley, Maurice Dakin, Margaret Elviss, John Marston, Alfred Dudbridge

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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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Holy Lord,
Thank You for grace.
Please help me move beyond
the hurdles that trip me up
and give me the strength and wisdom
to look up and see the hope
I run toward in Christ.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen

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