

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

13—18 January

Wednesday 9.00am Ecumenical Prayer at SS Fisher Moore
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Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion
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Readings: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-end

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NEXT SUNDAY—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

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**PARISH
NOTES**

Welcome to

St John the Divine

The Parish Church of

Menston with Woodhead



The BAPTISM of CHRIST

12 January 2020

Readings: **Isaiah 42: 1—9** OT page 680-681
Matthew 3: 13—end NT page 3

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 **27**

Reader **David Machin**

Gradual Hymn **Child in the manger** (see sheet)

Offertory Hymn **526**

Final Hymn **49**

*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.*

We pray for



Home Communion: Ken Parker & Joyce Edgley

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

Memorial Book: (5—18 Jan) Florence Nuttall, Isaac Harvey, Stewart Lovemore, Evelyn Priestman, Eva Garnett, John Howell, Richard Flesher, Suzanne Pearson, Arthur Scriven, Eric Chambers, Wilfred Oldham, Doris Thomas, Alfred Wilkinson, Geoff Hicks, Marjorie Williams, Mary Dalby, Susan Prince, Mary Hollings, Brenda Stephenson, Thomas Webb, Florence Biss

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- * The universal Church
- * Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- * The leaders of the nations
- * The natural world and the resources of the earth
- * All who are in any kind of need

NEW KIDS CLUB—THE CORE!

St John's has a brand new kids club! The Core starts on Sunday 26 January and will take place every third Sunday of the month thereafter. It's for ages

7-11 and will run 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!

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for the February magazine is **TODAY**. Please send copy to the editor and the Parish Office.

PRAYER MEETING

At 6.30pm on Sunday 26 January there will be a prayer meeting for the **church roof**, lasting about an hour. All are encouraged to attend.

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. Sign up sheets for the groups will be available in your church soon. Alternatively, email either Rev Tim Perkins (rev.tim.perkins@btinternet.com) or Jo Dixon (dixonjo2000@gmail.com) to let them know which group would work best for you.