

PARISH NOTES

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



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9 AUGUST 2020

There is a short, simple service of the word today at 4pm. This is a first step back towards normality, and the church leadership will keep reviewing the situation and making changes as appropriate over the summer months. This service will be limited to 30 people within the church building, maintaining physical distancing measures, and any overflow will be directed to the parish room where the speaker system will be used to enable people there to take part in the service. The church building will be open for private prayer from 10am on Sunday as normal, but will close for the rest of the day after the 4pm service. The Church of England has recommended that mask should be worn at all times when in the church building (exceptions apply). Normal hygiene measures will also be in place, and a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of government contact tracing.

READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): PHILIPPIANS 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 14: 22-33

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,
Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

Memorial Book: John Carter, Doris Woodhouse, Sarah Jeffray, Ethel
Heckingbottom, David Nerurkar, Keith Rawcliffe

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

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O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

DIAL-A-SERMON

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 standard local rate of your phone tariff) and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **01943 666875**

SUNDAY RESOURCES ON THE WEBSITE

Today's Service of the Word video and a Zest service video are now on our website [Click here to watch!](#)

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. For more information, see page 21 of this month's Parish Magazine which can be viewed on our website www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine

RHYTHM OF LIFE

The Diocese has just launched an initiative to help us keep pace with our callings as disciples of Christ. It's called "The Rhythm of Life" and is an encouragement to reflect on different aspects of our 'loving, living and learning' and make practical

fixed-term commitments, aided by recommended resources. Further details are on a new Rhythm of Life page on the Digital Learning Platform. Please do consider joining together with others to participate in this. There is an online 'get started' session hosted by Bishop Tony on 8 September that you can sign up for to find out more. There are paper resources but that is a bit tricky at present! More information to follow! Marilyn.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The September Magazine deadline for copy is Sunday 16 August. Your contributions most welcome. Editor.

ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total **£25,415** which, with Gift Aid, amounts to **£30,422**. Many thanks to those who have responded so generously. We have not yet 'hit our target' so please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we have postponed the distribution of appeal letters to the wider community and, of course, there have been no recent fundraising events.

St John's Parish Church, Menston

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TRANSFORMING WORK

Discipleship for the workplace

Encouraging each other to live out faith in the workplace

From September

Once a month for 8 sessions

In the evening, via Zoom (at least to start with)

If you want to know more or get involved,

email vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk

Each session includes:

- A ten-minute 'table talk' video on a key workplace topic
- Interviews and stories from working Christians
- A Bible passage and teaching on how to read it
 - 'through workers' eyes'
- Time for group discussion and individual reflection
- Suggestions for prayer and going deeper

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