

# PARISH NOTES

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



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**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY      20 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**HARVEST**

From this Sunday, 20 September, service times will be as follows:

**- Zest - 9.30am in church**

**- Service of the Word - 11.00am in church**  
(followed by optional Eucharist)

This marks the end of the 4pm Service of the Word.

Please note, there will be no refreshments between services.

Please also be aware that face coverings should be worn at all times.

We do however understand and respect that exceptions apply.

Please maintain physical distancing measures when in the church building.

During the 11am service, any overflow will be directed to the parish room where the speaker system will be used to enable people there to take part.

Normal hygiene measures (sanitiser on entry and exit, etc.) will be in place, and a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of government contact tracing.

## READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): GENESIS 16 : 2—15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites;

say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>1</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

## **READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): LUKE 8: 1-15**

### *Some Women Accompany Jesus*

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

### *The Parable of the Sower*

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of

moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

### *The Purpose of the Parables*

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that

‘looking they may not perceive,  
and listening they may not understand.’

### *The Parable of the Sower Explained*

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

The revised Electoral Roll is on view at the back of Church. Forms are available if you would like to be on the Roll but no new names can be added until after the PCC AGM on Sunday 27 September.

## 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 24/7.  
**01943 666875**

## PARISH MAGAZINE

Septembers Parish Magazine is now available to read on our website.  
[Click here to read!](#)

## SUNDAY RESOURCES

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 months Parish Magazine which can be viewed on our website:  
[www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine)

## 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.

## WE PRAY FOR



### The Sick:

Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

### Memorial Book:

Michael Johnson, Annie Allison, Thomas Denbigh, Adeline Hudson, Edna Temple, Mary Simpson, Edward Hayward, Michael Simon, Margaret Harvey, Robert Copping

### The Deceased:

Tom Shaw, Jennifer Shaw

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- \* The media and the arts
- \* Farming and fishing
- \* Commerce and industry
- \* Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- \* All who are unemployed

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Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **APCM**

### **Sunday 27 September 11am**

To be held in church within a Service of the Word  
with additional seating in the Parish Room.

- Election of 2 Churchwardens
- Election of 6 PCC members:
  - 4 to serve for 3 years
  - 1 to serve for 2 years
  - 1 to serve until 2021 APCM
- Election of Deanery Reps:
  - 3 to serve for 3 years
- Treasurer's Report
- Reports from church groups

Please think and pray about nominations and whether you are  
prepared to stand for any of the vacancies.

Please notify the Vicar by TODAY, by email or in writing,  
of any questions you may wish to raise at the meeting

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts and reports from church  
groups are available today. Please take one  
per household and bring with you to the meeting.

## **APCM Agenda**

Apologies for absence.

- 1 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held On 7 April 2019.
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes.
- 3 Presentation of the Electoral Roll.
- 4 The Parochial Church Annual Report had been printed and made  
available to all members of the church prior to the meeting.
  - 4.1 PCC Review of the year.
  - 4.2 Churchwardens' Report.
  - 4.3 Deanery Synod Report.
  - 4.4 Reports for Church Groups.
- 5 Presentation of the Annual Accounts.
- 6 Elections:
  - 6.1 Deanery Synod representatives: Vacancies: 3 for 3 years
  - 6.2 Elections to PCC: Vacancies: 4 members for 3 years, 1 member  
for 2 years and 1 for 1 year.
  - 6.3 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7 Reader elected as ex-officio
- 8 Chairman's comments
9. AOB.