

# PARISH NOTES

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



**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**

**22 NOVEMBER 2020**

**CHRIST THE KING**

Due to the national lockdown all public worship and services at St John's, Menston are cancelled until further notice. The church building will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. Please ensure you undertake distancing and hygiene measures, following the notices displayed in church.

You can find various resources on our website to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, weekly recorded sermons, weekly readings, crafts and so much more— [Click here!](#)

## **READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 95: 1—7**

### *A Call to Worship and Obedience*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

## **READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 25: 31—END**

### *The Judgment of the Nations*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was

it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### 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. As usual you're sure to find plenty to amuse you - and to give you pause to think:

- Let the Rafters Ring - verses fresh off the pen (with a few of your old favourites included by request)
- Ding Dong Merrily - tasty tales to make you smile. David will also take orders for any of his previous 'Verses for Funny Folk' (children and the young at heart)
- Verse on the Wing - (our friends the birds)
- Machinations'- (his first volume of short stories)

or indeed any of his earlier booklets of verse.

You can get in touch at [david@machdv.plus.com](mailto:david@machdv.plus.com) or by ringing 872228.

## WE PRAY FOR



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

**The Deceased:** Audrey Linsley, Olga Clapham

**Memorial Book:** John Robertson, Barbara Smith, John Thomas, Ruth Alsop, Joseph Emmott, Gwenneth Dennington, Ronald Leigh, Roderick Thomson, Eveline Payne, Grace Speak, Michael Shutt, Elaine Ridley

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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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Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### LIGHT UP A LIFE— 21 NOVEMBER

Howard Thomas William Goth. Always Remembered.

#### 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 and is available 24/7.

#### MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s). We are particularly conscious that the needs of people will be different to earlier in the year - keeping warm and having a hot meal - may be more challenging. Please us know if we can help in any way with this.

#### Church Roof Prayer Meeting

Sunday 29 November at 8:15pm for one hour. You are invited to attend a prayer meeting (via Zoom) for St John's Church Roof. The details of how to join the Zoom meeting are below. If you need any help, please get in touch.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87295685145>

Meeting ID: 872 9568 5145

#### PARISH NOTES

As well as uploading the Parish Notes to our website, we also send them

out via email every week. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email [office@stjohnmenston.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnmenston.org.uk)

#### CHAPLAIN'S CHUTNEY

Raising money for the roof appeal, Andrew has the following products, all homemade.

- \* Old Dower House Chutney: *traditional apple and plum a favourite!*
- \* Sweet Piccalilli: *Northern favourite!*
- \* Christmas Chutney, *cranberries, figs, Christmas spices.*
- \* Seville Marmalade, *sunshine in a jar!*
- \* Lemon Curd, *great for tea as well as breakfast.*
- \* Corn Chow-chow, *like corn relish but better!*

£4 a jar, all proceeds to the roof appeal. Please email or phone for safe delivery during lockdown. [associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk](mailto:associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk) or 07710561167.

#### SUNDAY RESOURCES

On Sunday, the Zest service video and a Service of the Word video will be available to [view on our website](#).

COVID-19 has led many of us to feel despair,  
loneliness and anxiety

## Being There

An online group for those who know how this feels

**Being There** is a group for people across the Menston area to meet safely and enjoy non-judgemental, inclusive friendship and support

Meeting via Zoom, it has it's heart at  
St Johns Parish Church

At some point in our lives all of us have needed to  
know that there was someone there

**Being There is there for you**

Sunday evenings 7.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information email Rev Andrew  
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