

PARISH NOTES

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



LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

25 OCTOBER 2020

- Zest - 9.30am in church

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

Please also be aware that face coverings should be worn at all times. Any overflow from the 11am service will be directed into the Parish Room, where they will be able to listen to the service. Please maintain physical distancing measures when in the church building. 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): DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

The Death of Moses

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.'

I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for

Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 22: 34—END

The Greatest Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Question about David's Son

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

This Wednesday will see the return of our mid-week communion service in the North side of the church. The service will be held at 9.30am **WEDNESDAY** every week.

ALL SOULS

On Sunday 1 November we remember together those who we love but have lost. We will be running two services, one at 3.30pm and one at 5pm. If you wish to attend, please book by emailing office@stjohnmenston.org.uk, or leave a message for the Parish Office 01934 872433, stating your name, contact details, and how many places you would like to reserve by midday Wednesday 28 October. We will automatically read out the names of those who have had a funeral at St John's since November 2018. If you would like any extra names to be read out, please get in contact via phone or email, also by midday Wednesday 28 October.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our 11am service will be starting slightly earlier on 8 November to enable us to hold a silence at 11am. More details to follow.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Wednesday 11 November St

John's will host the village's Remembrance Service. Due to Covid restrictions, spaces for the service will have to be reserved. To do so, please leave a message for the Parish Office on 01934 872433 or email office@stjohnmenston.org.uk, stating your name, contact details, and how many places you would like to reserve by midday Tuesday 10 November.

ANNUAL LEAF CLEARANCE

There is a churchyard sweep session set for Saturday 14 November from 9.30 am onwards. If you are able to help for any amount of time it would be appreciated.

PAUSE, RECALIBRATE, WORSHIP

Business and the Kingdom: Integrating Faith in Work. This years conference will be held online on Saturday 7 November. To find out more, [click here!](#)

SUNDAY RESOURCES

On Sunday, the Zest service video will be available to view on our website. [Click here to watch!](#)

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.

WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Dorothy Greetham, Peter Coulson, David Clarke, Margaret Sutcliffe, Frances Laycock, Margaret Elsworth, Elaine Lossel, Joan Cribb

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- * Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- * Those whose time is spent caring for others
- * Those who are close to death
- * Those who have lost hope
- * The worship of the church

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O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.



THE GIFT OF CARING

As Christmas comes around, we know it is a time for loving, caring and giving and we want to share this with our homeless friends.

Every year we do an appeal for Christmas shoe boxes made up of all sorts of essentials, but as this year has been such a challenging year, we know that the demand for food is higher than ever. Therefore, this year our appeal is for Christmas food hampers. We will make up food hampers for the hostels we support, for the individuals recently housed and the families we support as we know at the best of times Christmas can be a struggle for most. For our friends sleeping rough we are asking for mini food hampers made up of non-perishable goods, we will hand these out on our Christmas outreach.

If you would like to help us with our appeal this year, an idea of the foods you could put in the hampers are:

- Biscuits
- Cakes
- Chocolates
- Crisps
- Non-perishable goods
- Nuts
- Pies
- Tinned food



Year in year out, your support is unbelievably overwhelming, and we cannot thank you enough for it as without you we wouldn't be able to do what we do. We hope with your support and donations it will make a difference to all the people we support at Christmas time. No donation is too small, and your support means the world to us and our homeless friends and if you would like to give someone the gift of caring this year please get in touch with us.

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