

# PARISH NOTES

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



ALL SAINTS DAY

1 NOVEMBER 2020

- Zest - 9.30am in church

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

- All Souls Service - 3.30pm in church

(Please note there is no 5pm All Souls service as previously advertised)

Face coverings should be worn at all times. Any overflow from the 11am service will be directed into the Parish Room. Please maintain physical distancing and hygiene measures when in the church building. A register will be kept of those who attend for contact tracing.

## READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): REVELATION 7: 9—END

### *The Multitude from Every Nation*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 5: 1—12

### *The Beatitudes*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Every Wednesday at 9.30am in the North side of the church.

## 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, email [office@stjohnmenston.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnmenston.org.uk) or leave a message for the Parish Office on 01934 872433, 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 year's 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.

## MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Copy for the double December/January issue is due by Sunday 15 November. Please email copy to both editor and parish office, or leave for typing with the office.

## THE GIFT OF CARING

Every year, local charity Homeless Hampers appeals for Christmas shoe boxes made up of all sorts of essentials. In this challenging year, demand for food is higher than ever. Homeless Hampers are making up food hampers for the hostels and individuals they support. If you would like to help, the following is an idea of foods that could be put in hampers: Biscuits, cakes, chocolates, crisps, non-perishable goods, nuts, pies, tinned food. No donation is too small and can be left in the archway of 1 Church View with Vicky Taylor. If you would like any more details, contact Andrew Howorth.

[www.homelesshampers.co.uk](http://www.homelesshampers.co.uk)

## WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson
- The Deceased:** Ann Carr, John Finch
- Memorial Book:** Kathleen Kirk, Marion Voigt, George Allewell, Janet and Bill Otley, David J Sharp

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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

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Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## LIGHT UP A LIFE

5 November—In memory of George and Cath Allewell