

# PARISH NOTES

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



## PENTECOST

23 MAY 2021

**Sunday 9.30am - Zest** in church, in person

**Sunday 11am - Service of the Word** followed by optional Eucharist  
In person, in church (any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

**Wednesday 9.30am - Midweek Communion** in church, in person

**Private Prayer**— after Wednesday and Sunday's services until 4pm.

You can also find various resources on to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, crafts, weekly sermon texts, weekly sermon videos and more on [our website](#).

## READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): ACTS 2: 1—21

### *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes,

Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

### *Peter Addresses the Crowd*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

## READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 15: 26 & 27

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

## MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village - 01943 874335

## 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.

## ROOF APPEAL FANCY DRESS BEATING THE BOUNDS

The church is 150 years old this year. 1871 was also the year that Alice Through The Looking Glass was first published so Steve and Elaine thought it would be fitting to beat the bounds (i.e. walk the parish boundary, some 12 miles) in Alice in Wonderland fancy dress to raise money for the Church Roof Appeal. If donations reach £1000 Steve has promised to dress as Alice: <http://bit.ly/beating-the-bounds-fundraising>

## FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

At St John's we have long been thinking of ways in which we can connect, encourage and pray for/with each other during the week as well as

on Sunday. One of the ways we can do this is using a new online prayer group which has been set up using Facebook. This is a moderated 'closed group', which simply means that only people connected with St John's will be able to access it, but it will be a great opportunity for our church family to share prayer requests and answers to prayer and to share encouragement from your daily bible study and personal prayer. **The group is on Facebook and is called 'St John's, Menston Prayer Group'.** Join up and pray! Any questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

## GIFT AID

If anyone requires a statement showing their gift aided donations to St Johns for the tax year 2020/21 please let me know. Under normal circumstances I would leave statements for all regular givers in envelopes at the back of church, but, under current restrictions, I will deliver a statement if you request one. Colin Alexander 01943 878355 or [colinalexander266@btinternet.com](mailto:colinalexander266@btinternet.com)

## WE PRAY FOR



### The Sick:

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

### Memorial Book:

Gordon Dale, Frederick Greetham, Francis Voigt, Christine Woods, Joseph Craven, Harold Rich, William Bolton, Bill Chamberlain, Peter Waring, Peter Gilbert, Owen Massey, Michael Heckingbottom, Rae Barker, Harold Mountain, Marjorie Green, James Moore

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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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Defend, O Lord, these your servants  
with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.  
Amen.