

PARISH NOTES

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 APRIL 2021

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

Private Prayer— The church building will be open for prayer after

Wednesday's 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 4:32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 20: 19—30

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

APCM

This years APCM is being held on during our 11am service on Sunday 18 April. Please notify the Vicar by 11 April, by email or in writing, of any questions you may wish to raise at the meeting. The revised **Electoral Roll** is on view at the back of church this Sunday.

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s) - 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.

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.

150th ANNIVERSARY RECIPE BOOK

We are hoping to produce a recipe book as part of the celebrations for St John's 150th anniversary. We would like contributions of your favourite recipes to be included. Please contact Sue Lee 875393.

HAMPERS FOR THE HOMELESS

St John's regularly supports Hampers for the Homeless. Vicky Taylor would be thrilled to receive any tinned foods in boxes under the arch at her house (1 Church View—opposite the church).

POP A POUND

Please don't forget to bring your jam jars, containing the pound coins you have been collecting, to church and hand them to the duty warden. If this isn't possible they can be delivered to York House, 5 Church View.

PARISH MAGAZINE—[READ NOW](#)

The deadline for the May Parish Magazine is this Sunday, 11 April.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

The Deceased:

James Alexander Jackson

Memorial Book:

Thelma Bell, Douglas Marchmont, Wendy Boyd, Mollie Barker, Noel Bailey, Harold Bickle, Geoffrey Stead, Arnold Patchett, George Moffatt, John Bailey

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- * All who are sick In body, mind or spirit
- * Those In the midst of famine or disaster
- * Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- * Those who are bereaved
- * All who work In the medical and healing professions

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Living, Almighty God,

Thank you that by your Spirit living in me,
made possible by the life, death,
resurrection and ascension of Jesus,
you give me all I need.

Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me.

Like Thomas, you meet me in ways tailor-made for me.

Lord, thank you for your presence in my life,
Amen.