

PARISH NOTES

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



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 MAY 2020

We are sorry to announce that all public worship at St John's Parish Church, Menston has stopped until further notice because of the Coronavirus. During this time are producing an alternative version of the Parish Notes. Please visit our website for regular updates from St John's.

READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): REVELATION 8:1-4

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 12:1-11

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary

took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Geoffrey Tew, Sumpton, Kit Kitchen, Herbert Storer, Hazel Tattersall, Ruby Brookes, Pat Hall, Alfred Brown, Gordon Dale, Frederick Greetham, Francis Voigt

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- * Local government, community leaders
- * All who provide local services
- * Those who work with young or elderly people
- * Schools, colleges and universities
- * Emergency and rescue organizations

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We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs

For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Amen.

DAILY HOPE

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free phone line as a new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and free to call – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during restrictions.

MENSTON HELPLINE

There is now a coronavirus helpline number for anyone who may need it in Menston, do not hesitate to call: 874335.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our website to find service resources, including a weekly craft, sermon and reflection video, as well as prayer resources, Andrew's reading of David Kossoff's retelling of Bible stories, an Ephesians series of reflections, and much more! If you have an idea of something you would like to see on the website, or something you

would find helpful, please email Steve! vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a fantastic way of affirming the promises made at your baptism and being commissioned into God's service for the next chapter of your life. A confirmation service is planned to take place in church on Sunday 27 September with Bishop Toby. If this is something you might like to explore, please contact the Vicar (Steve).

A NOTE FROM STEVE

No-one knows how long it will be until we are able to meet again in person. However, as vicar, I encourage you to make it part of your daily lock-down routine to pray for each other. I know many of you are already doing this, but if you all committed to praying for 5 people from the congregation each day, I'm sure that would be a massive help to both the prayer and those who are prayed for. As the church, the body of Christ, we are never fully alone, but it is our responsibility to pray for each other in this time of lockdown. So if you aren't doing it already, please pick 5 people and pray for them each day. Thanks.

St John's Parish Church Menston presents

Start!

God, Jesus and the journey of life in
six group sessions



**VIA ZOOM: 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS, STARTING 20TH MAY**

Do you have questions about life and the
Christian faith? Maybe it's time to **START** looking
for some answers!

Using ZOOM each session involves video clips, fun
exercises, discussions and time for reflection. If you
want to register to take part, or find out more, email
office@stjohnmenston.org.uk

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!