

# PARISH NOTES

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**27 JUNE 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.

## **READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): ACTS 9: 1—19**

### *The Conversion of Saul*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a

man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### *Saul Preaches in Damascus*

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

## **READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 5: 21—END**

### *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around

to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Administrator will be on leave from Friday 2 July, returning Tuesday 20 July. The Parish Notes will be created in advance so if you have any notices you would like to add, please get in contact before 10AM on Thursday 1 July. Thank you!

#### CRAFT HELP!

Craft is a really important part of Zest and we are now looking for more people to join the friendly craft planning and preparation team. No crafting experience or ability is necessary, as we plan each craft as a group and help each other out if stuck! The rota means that each person is

only responsible for about one craft per month (fewer if we have more people), and we have about five planning meetings a year. Please contact Elaine if you are interested or would like to know more (07527188103 or 877739).

#### OPEN GARDENS

On Saturday 17 July six gardens on the Homestead are being opened to help raise money towards the Roof Fund. We would appreciate any offers of sponge cakes for the teas and prizes for the raffle. If you can help please contact Charmian Thomas—873865.

**DIAL-A-SERMON—01943 666875**

## WE PRAY FOR



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

**Memorial Book:** Marjorie Ryley, Thomas Jeffray, George Popplewell, Freda Greaves, Percy Allewell, Annie Jefferson, Doris Marcham, Ernest Barber, Sheila North

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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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Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
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.