

# PARISH NOTES

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



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 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 we will produce an alternative version of the Parish Notes. Please visit our website for regular updates from St John's.*

### READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT) : MATTHEW 26:26-30

*The Institution of the Lord's Supper*

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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## ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL UPDATE

Donations are continuing to come in and now total £21,154 which, with Gift Aid, amounts to £25,704.

Many thanks to those who have responded so generously. We have not yet 'hit our target' so please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we have postponed the distribution of appeal letters to the wider community.

### 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

### 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.

### CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE

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

### 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 will 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).

## WE PRAY FOR



### The Sick:

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

### The Deceased:

Eva Pinthus, Madge Wilkinson, Pamela Magill

### Memorial Book:

Valerie Green, Ivy Weyman, Edith Hollobone, Helen Voigt, Marjorie Flesher, Alan McCarraher

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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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O God,  
the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**