

PARISH NOTES

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



MISSION SUNDAY

14 JUNE 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): ROMANS 5:1-8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

WE PRAY FOR



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

The Deceased: Valorie Knight

Memorial Book: Wyn Grant, Lucy Storr, Eric Thompson, Gordon
North, Charlton Bewick, Joyce Fozard, William Rogers,
Helena Bolton

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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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Spirit of our Loving God,
in your mercy and compassion inspire,
encourage and empower us to live and work together,
to allow your mission for us to take flesh
through Jesus Christ our Living and Eternal Lord.

Amen

Gracious God,
we pray for those who are struggling
emotionally and spiritually,
those finding it hard to experience your presence.

Amen

**The church building at St John's will be open for private prayer on
Wednesday, 17th June, and Sunday 21st June from 2pm to 5pm.**

This represents a first step in opening the church for private prayer and will be the pattern of opening times (Wednesday and Sunday afternoons) until this is reviewed in a few weeks. There will be various restrictions in place on the use of the building, such as a maximum of 16 people within the building at one time, and seating only on specified pews in order to protect all those who use the building. Visitors are asked to make use of the hand sanitizer provided on entry and exit.

We are sorry to announce that Valorie Knight has passed away. If anyone wants to know more please contact Steve.

ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total £22,770 which, with Gift Aid, amounts to £27,508. 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.

DIAL-A-SERMON

St John's now has a dedicated phone line which offers a short Service of the Word. The call is charged at your local rate (ie. the standard local rate

of your phone tariff) and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The line is open to everyone but is aimed particularly at those who do not have access to our website—so please spread the word! 01943 666875

COMMUNION

Bishop Nick has now approved Communion before Confirmation within St John's. This means that a person is now allowed to take part in the consumption of the sacramental elements of communion before they are confirmed. Please note, the child must be aged 7 or over and a period of preparation will be required. Written consent from a parent/guardian will be required.

Sunday Resources on the website

There is a new Service of the Word video and a new Zest service video on our website this Sunday morning! Head over to www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/weekly-resources to watch!