

PARISH NOTES

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



EASTER DAY

12 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 (COVID-19).

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): ACTS 10:34—43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT) : MATTHEW 28: 1—10

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL UPDATE

Donations are continuing to come in and now total £20,604 which, with Gift Aid, amounts to £25,017.

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.

CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED

We are blessed at St John's to have two amazing churchwardens. Unfortunately they are approaching the end of their term of service and so we are looking for others to take up this important position. Wardens keep the church running in a safe and healthy fashion, support the vicar and other office holders and oversee aspects of buildings, services and churchyard. Wardens work closely with the vicar planning, supporting and implementing the growth and development of the church. Ongoing advice will always

be available. Further information is available informally from either a churchwarden (Roger and Jonathan) or the vicar (Steve).

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).

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WE PRAY FOR



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

The Deceased: Dorothy Westwell, Margaret (Peggy) Herridge

Memorial Book: Douglas Marchmont, Wendy Boyd, Mollie Barker, Noel Bailey, Harold Bickle, Geoffrey Stead, Arnold Patchett, George Moffatt, John Bailey, Bill Rowe, Raymond Freegard

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'Count Your Blessings' - Hope Overcomes Death

He is risen! As we reflect on the cross today, we place the hopes we have for our global family in the hands of God. We do so with the promise of new life and we look to a future filled with hope.
Alleluia!

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God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.