

PARISH NOTES

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



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

30 AUGUST 2020

There is a short, simple service of the word today at 4pm, followed by an optional Eucharist.

This service will be limited to 30 people within the church building, maintaining physical distancing measures, and any overflow will be directed to the parish room where the speaker system will be used to enable people there to take part in the service. The church building will be open for private prayer from 10am on Sunday as normal, but will close for the rest of the day after the service. The Church of England has recommended that mask should be worn at all times when in the church building (exceptions apply). Normal hygiene measures will also be in place, and a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of government contact tracing.

READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 115

Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him.
But their idols are silver and gold,
made by human hands.

They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.
They have ears, but cannot hear,
noses, but cannot smell.
They have hands, but cannot feel,
feet, but cannot walk,
nor can they utter a sound with their throats.
Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.

All you Israelites, trust in the LORD—
he is their help and shield.
House of Aaron, trust in the LORD—
he is their help and shield.
You who fear him, trust in the LORD—
he is their help and shield.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:
He will bless his people Israel,
he will bless the house of Aaron,
he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

May the LORD cause you to flourish,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to mankind.
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
those who go down to the place of silence;
it is we who extol the LORD,
both now and forevermore.
Praise the LORD.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 16: 21—28

Jesus Predicts His Death

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**APCM will be held on Sunday 27 September
Time TBC—more information to follow.**

The Electoral Roll will be on view at the back of Church on Sunday August 30 & September 6 – this is to complete the process ‘interrupted’ in March. If you would like to apply to be on the Roll, forms are available in the red folder. Completed forms should be returned to Church by 4pm on September 6. If you need a form and are unable to collect one, please phone Elizabeth Leopold : Tel 879809

WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Ethel Buswell

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- * The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces
- * Peace and justice in the world
- * Those who work for reconciliation
- * All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- * Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

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Heavenly Father,
you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.

We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome,
and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who fled persecution at His birth
and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen.

DIAL-A-SERMON

St John's has a 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 24/7.
01943 666875

SUNDAY RESOURCES

Today's Service of the Word video and a Zest service video are now on our website. [Click here to watch!](#)

FUNDRAISING BOOKLETS

Published during the lockdown, two new booklets by David Machin are for sale at £5 each, every penny to the church roof fund. For more information, see page 21 of this months Parish Magazine which can be viewed on our website www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine

RHYTHM OF LIFE

The Diocese has just launched an initiative to help us keep pace with our callings as disciples of Christ. It's called "The Rhythm of Life" and is an encouragement to reflect on

different aspects of our 'loving, living and learning' and make practical fixed-term commitments, aided by recommended resources. Further details are on a new Rhythm of Life page on the Digital Learning Platform. Please do consider joining together with others to participate in this. There is an online 'get started' session hosted by Bishop Tony on 8 September that you can sign up for to find out more. More information to follow! Marilyn.

ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total **£25,415** which, with Gift Aid, amounts to **£30,422**. 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 and, of course, there have been no recent fundraising events.



St John's Parish Church, Menston

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Encouraging each other to live out faith in the workplace

From September
Once a month for 8 sessions
In the evening, via Zoom (at least to start with)
If you want to know more or get involved,
email vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk

Each session includes:

- A ten-minute 'table talk' video on a key workplace topic
- Interviews and stories from working Christians
- A Bible passage and teaching on how to read it 'through workers' eyes'
- Time for group discussion and individual reflection
- Suggestions for prayer and going deeper

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