

PARISH NOTES

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 MAY 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— The church building will be open for prayer after Wednesday
and Sunday's services until 4pm.

You can also find various resources on to aid in worship from home, including
prayer resources, videos, crafts, weekly sermon texts, weekly sermon videos
and more on [our website](#).

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): TITUS 3

Maintain Good Deeds

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.

Final Messages and Benediction

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with all of you.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 15: 9—17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s) - 01943 874335

DIAL-A-SERMON—01943 666875

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

FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

At St John's we have long been thinking of ways in which we can connect, encourage and pray for/with each other during the week as well as on Sunday. One of the ways we can do this is using a new online prayer group which has been set up using Facebook. This is a moderated 'closed group', which simply means that only people connected with St John's will be able to access it, but it will be a great opportunity for our church family to share prayer requests and answers to prayer and to share encouragement from your daily bible study and personal prayer. **The group is on Facebook and is called 'St John's, Menston Prayer Group'.** Join up and pray! Any questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

POP A POUND

Please don't forget to bring your jam jars, containing the pound coins you have been collecting, to church and hand them to the duty warden. If this isn't possible they can be delivered to York House, 5 Church View.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The May edition of the Parish Magazine is now available to read [online](#). The deadline for the June edition is Sunday 16 May.

ROOF APPEAL FANCY DRESS BEATING THE BOUNDS

The church is 150 years old this year. 1871 was also the year that Alice Through The Looking Glass was first published, so Steve and Elaine thought it would be fitting to beat the bounds (i.e. walk the parish boundary, some 12 miles) in Alice in Wonderland fancy dress to raise money for the Church Roof Appeal. If donations reach £1000 Steve has promised to dress as Alice: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/roof-appeal-fancy-dress-beating-the-bounds>

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson, Julie Barker, Margaret Bailey

Memorial Book:

James Storr, Harold Sharp, Bill Scott, Harry Swarbrick, Joyce Edmondson, Maud Storer, Doreen Hudson

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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 enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
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.