

PARISH NOTES

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



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

This service will be limited 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 149

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 18: 15—20

Reproving Another Who Sins

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

APCM

Sunday 27 September 11am

To be held in church within a Service of the Word
with additional seating in the Parish Room.

- Election of 2 Churchwardens
- Election of 6 PCC members:
 - 4 to serve for 3 years
 - 1 to serve for 2 years
 - 1 to serve until 2021 APCM
- Election of Deanery Reps:
 - 3 to serve for 3 years
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of sidespersons
- Reports from church groups

Please think and pray about nominations and whether you are prepared
to stand for any of the vacancies.

Please notify the Vicar by 20 September, by email or in writing, of any
questions you may wish to raise at the meeting

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts and reports from church groups
will be available on Sunday 20 September.

Please take one per household and bring with you to the meeting.

The Electoral Roll is on view at the back of Church today—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 today
(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:

Nancy Nelson, Colin Dracup, Arnold Boddy,
Christopher Musgrave, Nora Greetham, Peter
Brocklebank, Patricia Fosdike, Gerald Thompson,
Ian Rabagliati, Kathleen Jeffray, Edna Wilkinson,
Raymond Pearson, Donald Kirk

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- * Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- * Those who 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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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**

PARISH MAGAZINE

Septembers Parish Magazine is now available to read on our website.

[Click here to read!](#)

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

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.

HARVEST SUNDAY

20 September

Once again we shall be supporting Bradford North Food Bank but due to Covid-19 restrictions please DO NOT DONATE any food items. Steve has requested that we donate CASH ONLY this year. There will be a Big Jar at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

RHYTHM OF LIFE

The Diocese 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. 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 Parish Church, Menston

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TRANSFORMING WORK

Discipleship for the workplace

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

www.licc.org.uk/ourresources/transformingwork