

**WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK****20—25 January**

<b>Monday</b> 20	2.15pm	Christian Ministry of Healing and Wholeness
	7.45pm	PCC in the Lady Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b> 21	2.15pm	Mothers' Union in the Parish Room
<b>Wednesday</b> 22	9.00am	Ecumenical Prayer at SS Fisher Moore Roman Catholic Church
<b>Thursday</b> 23	9.30am	Holy Communion with Revd. Barry Overend <i>Readings: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19; Mark 3:7-12</i>
	9.30am	Magazine Collating in the Parish Room
<b>Friday</b> 24	10.00am	Horizon Coffee Morning at Abbeyfield

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**NEXT SUNDAY—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY****9.30am** Zest**11.00am** Holy Communion (CW)**3.00pm** The Core**6.30pm** Prayer meeting for the church roof

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**PARISH  
NOTES**

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

**The Second Sunday of EPIPHANY****19 January 2020**

**Readings:** **Galatians 3: 26—4: 7** NT page 186  
**Matthew 6: 5—13** NT page 5—6

**9.30am** **Zest**

*Please join us for Fairtrade tea and coffee  
in the Parish Room between 10 and 11am*

**11.00am** **Holy Communion (CW)**

*Parents are welcome to use the family space in church*

Hymn **144**  
Reader **David Mercer**  
Gradual Hymn **246**  
Offertory Hymn **209**  
Final Hymn **142** (omit vv 2 & 4)

*Please take the Parish Notes home with you as a reminder of the week's prayer concerns and events. This week's notes can be found on the home page of the church website [www.stjohnmenston.org.uk](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk).  
If you are new to St John's please complete a pew card and hand it to one of our welcome team or clergy.*

## We pray for



**Home Communion:** Olga Clapham & Zoe Mill

**The Sick:** Barbara Nelson, Ken Parker, John Marston, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Eva Pinthus, Marjorie Thompson, Madge & Eric Wilkinson, Dorothy Westwell

**Memorial Book:** Angila Lecutier, Phyllis Whitaker, David Alexander, Elsie Pearson, Ethel Aspinall, Colin Robinson, Eleny Moyles, Marjorie Muschamp, Phyllis Goodison

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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

### NEW KIDS CLUB—THE CORE!

St John's has a brand new kids club! The Core starts on Sunday 26 January and will take place every third Sunday of the month thereafter. It's for ages 7-11 and will run from 3pm— 4.15pm in the parish room. Expect games, crafts, fun, a football table, outings, drinks and snacks, and an exciting God-slot! Everyone is welcome!

### PRAYER MEETING

At 6.30pm on Sunday 26 January there will be a prayer meeting for the **church roof**, lasting about an hour. All are encouraged to attend.

### MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Tuesday 21 January, 2.15 pm in the Parish Room. The MU will be pleased to welcome Mr Geoff Druett who will

be speaking about his career in broadcasting. Non-members would also be most welcome.

### CHURCH GIVING FIGURES

Over the Christmas period, St John's

raised £1,335.05 for INN Churches and £122.87 for Y-Care international. The Candlelight supper also raised £725.73 for church funds. Thank you for your generosity.

### Ecumenical Lent Groups 2020: The Church in the Night-time

Two years ago the churches of Burley and Menston shared together in a series of Lent house groups and a service of celebration. They were very well received and all sorts of new ideas and groups have flowed from them. Plans are afoot for a new series of ecumenical Lent groups based on some material that has been developed by Rev Tim Perkins titled, "The Church in the Night-time". The material has come out of Tim's experiences and reflections during his sabbatical two years ago. It focuses on the challenges we face both as individuals and as churches when we find ourselves in dark places and difficult times. How can we experience God in the midst of a life or church that might be marked by anxiety? How do we respond when God challenges our own need to be in control of what is happening in us and around us? What will the future look like for a church which in many places is in decline? The material will help us to live with the tension of these, and other, questions but also to see beyond them and discover that God works best in times of chaos and confusion because it is out of the darkness that he causes light to shine. The story of Scripture from the first page to the last is that God is always doing a new thing. The challenge for us is to live loosely with the old and discern where God might be showing us a new path to tread.

The groups will run weekly for 5 weeks from the beginning of March and conclude with a united service on the evening of Palm Sunday. If you would like to either host or facilitate a group please contact your Minister. Sign up sheets for the groups will be available in your church soon. Alternatively, email either Rev Tim Perkins or Jo Dixon to let them know which group would work best for you.

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