

# PARISH NOTES

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



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**26 JULY 2020**

**READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-13**

*Imitating Christ's Humility*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Shining as Lights in the World*

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 13: 31-33, 44-52**

*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

*The Parable of the Yeast*

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

*Three Parables*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he had and bought it"

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*Treasures New and Old*

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and old."

## WE PRAY FOR



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

**Memorial Book:** John Eden, Maurice Hall, Denis Turner, Michael Carr,  
Clara Ainsworth, Harry Brookes, Mary Webster

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- \* The universal church
- \* Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- \* The leaders of the nations
- \* The natural world and the resources of the earth
- \* All who are in any kind of need

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Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.

**We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming public worship within the church building with a short, simple service of the word at 4pm weekly from today, Sunday 26th July.** This is a first step back towards normality, and the church leadership will keep reviewing the situation and making changes as appropriate over the summer months. 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 4pm 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 (sanitiser on entry and exit, etc.) will be in place, and a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of government contact tracing.

### ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total **£24,430** which, with Gift Aid, amounts to **£29,343**. 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.

### 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 hours a day, 7 days a week. **01943 666875**

### Sunday Resources on the website

There is a new Service of the Word video and a new Zest service video on our website this Sunday morning! [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. As usual you're sure to find plenty to amuse you - and to give you pause to think.  
- 'Let the Rafters Ring' - verses fresh off the pen (with a few of your old favourites included by request).  
- 'Ding Dong Merrily' - tasty tales to make you smile. David will also take orders for any of his previous 'Verses for Funny Folk' (children and the young at heart); 'Verse on the Wing' - (our friends the birds); 'Machinations' - (his first volume of short stories) or indeed any of his earlier booklets of verse. He'll be around once we're all together again, or you can get in touch at david@machdv.plus.com or by ringing 872228.