

# PARISH NOTES

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



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11 OCTOBER 2020

- Zest - 9.30am in church

- **Service of the Word - 11.00am in church**

(followed by optional Eucharist)

Please also be aware that face coverings should be worn at all times. Any overflow from the 11am service will be directed into the Parish Room, where they will be able to listen to the service. Please maintain physical distancing measures when in the church building. 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.

## READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): EXODUS 32: 1—14

### *The Golden Calf*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain,

the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of

Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

## **READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 22: 1 – 14**

### *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed

those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

## LIGHT UP A LIFE

October 15— *Happy birthday  
memories of my beloved husband.  
Always remembered.*

## PARISH MAGAZINE

Copy for the November magazine is due this Sunday, 11 October. Please email copy to both editor and Parish office, or leave copy for typing with the office.

## 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, please get in touch.

## ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

Donations are continuing to come in and now total **£26,815** which, with Gift Aid, amounts to **£32,148**. 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.

## ROOF APPEAL—POP A POUND

Please take a labelled jam jar from the back of church and pop a pound (or two!) each week until we end the collection next year. Many thanks.

## WE PRAY FOR



### The Sick:

Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,  
Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

### Memorial Book:

John Denison, Catherine Harvey, Esmé Bowes,  
Brian Emmerson, Tom Laycock, George Rouse

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- \* Local government, community leaders
- \* All who provide local services
- \* Those who work with young or elderly people
- \* Schools, colleges and universities
- \* Emergency and rescue organization

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Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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.