

PARISH NOTES

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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 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— 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): ACTS 1:1-12

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will

receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 17:6-19

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village - 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 on 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'.** Questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

ROOF APPEAL FANCY DRESS

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: [Click here to donate!](#)

PARISH MAGAZINE

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

GIFT AID

If anyone requires a statement showing their gift aided donations to St Johns for the tax year 2020/21 please let me know. Under normal circumstances I would leave statements for all regular givers in envelopes at the back of church, but, under current restrictions, I will deliver a statement if you request one. Colin Alexander 01943 878355 or colinalexander266@btinternet.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May

It's not too late to donate – visit caweek.org or call 08080 006 006.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who have signed the new flower rota. Plenty of dates are still free. It's a lovely way to remember a special anniversary or a loved one. Have a look next time you are passing through the church porch.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Geoffrey Tew, John Sumpton, Kit Kitchen, Herbert Storer, Hazel Tattersall, Ruby Brookes, Pat Hall, Alfred Brown

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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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Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.