

PARISH NOTES

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday 11am - Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist
In person, in church (any overflow will be directed to the Parish Room)

Private Prayer— The church building will be open for prayer on Wednesdays
from 10am-4pm & Sundays after the Service of the Word until 4pm.

Social distancing and hygiene measures should be maintained, including the
wearing of a mask unless exempt.

Wednesday Morning Holy communion is cancelled until further notice.
Sunday's Zest services is now [online only](#). You can also find various resources
on to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, crafts,
weekly sermon texts and more.

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): GENESIS 1: 1—5

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was
a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind
from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be
light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God
separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the

darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning,
the first day.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 3: 16—21

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe
in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned
already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of
God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and
people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For
all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their
deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the
light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in
God."



CHURCH ROOF APPEAL



There has been a tremendous response to the Roof Appeal, and donations
from the congregation and the community add up to very nearly £40,000.

With fundraising events/activities and Gift Aid added the total comes to
£50,700. As we have raised 50% of what we require, we are now in a
position to apply to grant making bodies, although we must also continue
with our own fundraising activities and ongoing donations. This is quite an
achievement given the constraints of the last year. Particular thanks to
those who delivered the leaflets throughout the village – the financial
response received means it was well worth it.

MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s).

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 (i.e. the price of a normal phone call).

RYTHM OF LIFE

There are two diocesan-wide Rhythm of Life courses running separately during the season of Lent. They will be running on: Wednesday Evenings between 7.30pm - 9.00pm (24 February - 31 March) & Thursday Mornings between 10.30am - 12.00 noon (25 February - 1 April) The sessions will be taking place online via Zoom. [Click here to register.](#)

CHURCH ROOF PRAYER MEETING

The next Zoom Prayer Meeting for the Church Roof is on Sunday 28 Feb at 8.15pm. Join the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83303910584>
Meeting ID: 833 0391 0584

HAMPERS FOR THE HOMELESS

Many of you will remember how, before the lockdowns, we were regularly supporting the Hampers for the Homeless with food collections each week at the back of Church. During lockdown the plight of many

has got worse. Vicky Taylor would be thrilled to receive any tinned foods in boxes under the arch at her house (1 Church View - just opposite Church) - especially soup vegetables and tinned meals like stews etc.

ST JOHN'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

This year we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Church building. There was a small worshipping community who had been meeting in a cottage up Derry Hill, but on 28 April 1871, our beautiful Church was consecrated for worship. We are planning all sorts of events to celebrate this year, and after last year it is good to have reasons to celebrate and look forward, but for now I am officially challenging everyone to our first event.

We are having a **POETRY COMPETITION** to mark this big birthday. The theme must be something about St Johns and the anniversary, but your imagination is the limit. We want everyone to feel able to enter, so there are three categories—Under 10 years, Over 10 years & Adults. The winning poems will be published in our celebration souvenir brochure, and there will be prizes... So, get your pen and paper, and see what you can do. **Closing Date Sunday 21 March.** Entries to: associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk
Good luck writing! Andrew.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Ethel Hall, Wilfred Sheffield, George Simmonds, Albert Gill, Isobel Whitaker, Vincent Hall, Evelyn Shaw, Phyllis Smith

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- * All who are sick In body, mind or spirit
- * Those In the midst of famine or disaster
- * Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- * Those who are bereaved
- * All who work In the medical and healing professions

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Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick,
give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying,
calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed;
all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer.
(Attributed to St Augustine)

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