

PARISH NOTES

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



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11 JULY 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.

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): EXODUS 20

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.**

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not

do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 6: 14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is

a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

ST JOHN’S WEBSITE

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](#).

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.

CRAFT HELP!

Craft is a really important part of Zest and we are now looking for more people to join the friendly craft planning and preparation team. No crafting experience or ability is necessary, as we plan each craft as a group and help each other out if stuck! The rota means that each person is only responsible for about one craft per month (fewer if we have more people), and we have about five

planning meetings a year. Please contact Elaine if you are interested or would like to know more (07527188103 or 877739).

OPEN GARDENS

On Saturday 17 July six gardens on the Homestead are being opened to help raise money towards the Roof Fund. We would appreciate any offers of sponge cakes for the teas and prizes for the raffle. If you can help please contact Charmian Thomas on 873865.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Please note the Parish Administrator is on leave until Tuesday 20 July. Thanks!

PARISH MAGAZINE

The July/August double edition of the Parish Magazine is now available to [read online](#).

WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson, Margaret Bailey
- Memorial Book:** Doris Nelson, Louise Navias, David Whitaker, Ken Watson, Dorothy Siddall, Geoffrey Priestman, Millicent Cooke, Celia Johnson

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- * The media and the arts
- * Farming and fishing
- * Commerce and Industry
- * Those Whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught
- * With All who are unemployed

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God of breeze and sunshine, bless us;
God of wind and rain, refresh us;
God of gale and hail, invigorate us;
God of cyclone and snow, renew us;
God of creation, grant new birth to all your earth,
in Christ our Lord. Amen.