

PARISH NOTES

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



SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

15 NOVEMBER 2020

Due to the national lockdown all public worship and services at St John's, Menston are cancelled until further notice. The church building will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. Please ensure you undertake distancing and hygiene measures, following the notices displayed in church.

You can find various resources on our website to aid in worship from home, including prayer resources, videos, weekly recorded sermons, weekly readings, crafts and so much more—[Click here!](#)

READING ONE (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 90

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight

are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson
- The Deceased:** Audrey Linsley, Olga Clapham
- Memorial Book:** John Reynolds, Michael Turton, Joan Buckingham, Walter Temple, Alan Greig, Muriel Hall, Edward Bellis

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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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Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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 and is available 24/7.

MENSTON HELPLINE—01943 874335

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s). The volunteers who offered help in the summer are still ready and available. We are particularly conscious that the needs of people will be different to earlier in the year - keeping warm and having a hot meal - may be more challenging. Please us know if we can help in any way with this.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Copy for the double December/January issue is due this Sunday, 15 November. Please email copy to both editor and parish office.

PARISH NOTES

As well as uploading the Parish Notes to our website, we also send them out via email every week. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email office@stjohnmenston.org.uk

SUNDAY RESOURCES

On Sunday, the Zest service video and a Service of the Word video will be available to view on our website. [Click here to watch!](#)

CHAPLAIN'S CHUTNEY

Raising money for the roof appeal, Andrew has the following products, all homemade.

- * Old Dower House Chutney: *traditional apple and plum a favourite!*
- * Sweet Piccalilli: *Northern favourite!*
- * Christmas Chutney, *cranberries, figs, Christmas spices.*
- * Seville Marmalade, *sunshine in a jar!*
- * Lemon Curd, *great for tea as well as breakfast.*
- * Corn Chow-chow, *like corn relish but better!*

£4 a jar, all proceeds to the roof appeal. Please email or phone for safe delivery during lockdown. associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk or 07710561167.

COVID-19 has led many of us to feel despair,
loneliness and anxiety

Being There

An online group for those who know how this feels

Being There is a group for people across the Menston area to meet safely and enjoy non-judgemental, inclusive friendship and support

Meeting via Zoom, it has its heart at
St Johns Parish Church

At some point in our lives all of us have needed to
know that there was someone there
Being There is there for you

Sunday evenings 7.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information email Rev Andrew
beingthere@stjohnmenston.org.uk