

PARISH NOTES

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



PALM SUNDAY

5 APRIL 2020

We are sorry to announce that all public worship at St John's Parish Church, Menston has stopped until further notice because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

During this time we will produce an alternative version of the Parish Notes. Please visit our website for regular updates from St John's.

READING 1 (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 118: 1—2

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT) : MATTHEW 21: 1—11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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EASTER

Unfortunately, all Easter services at St John's are cancelled. This includes the Sunday services, services during the week and the Zest Celebration at Kirklands. Check out the Easter page on our website for resources, reflections and videos to aid you in worshipping from home during Easter. This will include material from the services that were planned, so please check regularly to find the latest resources!

CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED

We are blessed at St John's to have two amazing churchwardens. Unfortunately they are approaching the end of their term of service and so we are looking for others to take up this important position. Wardens keep the church running in a safe and healthy fashion, support the vicar and other office holders and oversee aspects of buildings, services and churchyard. Wardens work closely with the vicar planning,

supporting and implementing the growth and development of the church. Ongoing advice will always be available. Further information is available informally from either a churchwarden (Roger and Jonathan) or the vicar (Steve).

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a fantastic way of affirming the promises made at your baptism and being commissioned into God's service for the next chapter of your life. A confirmation service will take place in church on Sunday 27 September with Bishop Toby. If this is something you might like to explore, please contact the Vicar.

APRIL MAGAZINE

Despite our best efforts we were unable to collate and distribute the magazine this month. However, it can be read online at www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine. Jan Alexander.



ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL UPDATE

Donations are continuing to come in and now total £20,604 which, with Gift Aid, amounts to £25,017.

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.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley, Eva Pinthus, Marjorie Thompson, Madge & Eric Wilkinson, Dorothy Westwell, Rosemary Midgley

The Deceased: Marjory Gill

Memorial Book: Leonard Sutcliffe, David Herridge, William Wistance, Peter Simmonds, John Smith, Herbert Hurcombe, Roy Whyte, Thelma Bell

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'Count Your Blessings' - reflect on the blessings water brings. For some Kenyan farmers, sand dams mean that they can now grow lush green crops, pay for school fees, build an outside toilet and reduce water borne diseases. We can help to reduce our impact on climate change by eating less meat – cook one more plant-based meal this week.

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Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful,
to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love,
and your love, for your name's sake.
Amen.