

PARISH NOTES

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



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

2 AUGUST 2020

READING 1 (NEW TESTAMENT): PHILIPPIANS 3: 7-16

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing toward the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies

ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

READING 2 (NEW TESTAMENT): MATTHEW 14: 13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,
Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson

Memorial Book: Teresa MacFarlane, John Toothill, Joyce Peace,
Wendy Windle

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- * The media and the arts
- * Farming and fishing
- * Commerce and industry
- * Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- * All who are unemployed

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Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

There is a short, simple service of the word today (Sunday 2 August) at 4pm.

This is a first step back towards normality, and the church leadership will keep reviewing the situation and making changes as appropriate over the summer months. This service will be limited to 30 people within the church building, maintaining physical distancing measures, and any overflow will be directed to the parish room where the speaker system will be used to enable people there to take part in the service. The church building will be open for private prayer from 10am on Sunday as normal, but will close for the rest of the day after the 4pm service. The Church of England has recommended that mask should be worn at all times when in the church building (exceptions apply). Normal hygiene measures will also be in place, and a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of government contact tracing.

DIAL-A-SERMON

St John's has a phone line which offers a short Service of the Word. The call is charged at your local rate (ie. the standard local rate of your phone tariff) and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **01943 666875**

Sunday Resources on the website

There is a new Service of the Word video and a new Zest service video on our website this Sunday morning!
[Click here to watch!](#)

FUNDRAISING BOOKLETS

Published during the lockdown, two new booklets by David Machin are for sale at £5 each, every penny to the church roof fund. As usual you're

sure to find plenty to amuse you - and to give you pause to think.
- 'Let the Rafters Ring' - verses fresh off the pen (with a few of your old favourites included by request).
- 'Ding Dong Merrily' - tasty tales to make you smile. David will also take orders for any of his previous 'Verses for Funny Folk' (children and the young at heart); 'Verse on the Wing' - (our friends the birds); 'Machinations' - (his first volume of short stories) or indeed any of his earlier booklets of verse. He'll be around once we're all together again, or you can get in touch at david@machdv.plus.com or by ringing 872228.