

PARISH NOTES

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 MAY 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— The church building will be open for prayer after
Wednesday and Sunday's services until 4pm.

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](#).

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): TITUS 2

Teach Sound Doctrine

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

Tell slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to talk back, not to pilfer, but to show complete and perfect fidelity, so that in everything they may be an ornament to the doctrine of God our Saviour.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 15: 1—8

Jesus the True Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MENSTON HELPLINE

The Menston helpline is available to support people in the village in the coming month(s) - 01943 874335

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.

POP A POUND

Please don't forget to bring your jam jars, containing the pound coins you have been collecting, to church and hand them to the duty warden. If this isn't possible they can be delivered to York House, 5 Church View.

ROOF APPEAL FANCY DRESS— BEATING THE BOUNDS

The church was built in 1871 and is 150 years old this year. 1871 was also the year that Alice Through The Looking Glass was first published, so Steve and Elaine thought it would be fitting to beat the bounds (i.e. walk the parish boundary, some 12 miles) in Alice in Wonderland fancy dress to

raise money for the Church Roof Appeal. If donations reach £1000 Steve has promised to dress as Alice: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/roof-appeal-fancy-dress-beating-the-bounds>

FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

At St John's we have long been thinking of ways in which we can connect, encourage and pray for/with each other during the week as well as on Sunday. One of the ways we can do this is using a new online prayer group which has been set up using Facebook. This is a moderated 'closed group', which simply means that only people connected with St John's will be able to access it, but it will be a great opportunity for our church family to share prayer requests and answers to prayer and to share encouragement from your daily bible study and personal prayer. **The group is on Facebook and is called 'St John's, Menston Prayer Group'.** Join up and pray! Any questions about the group, please contact Steve, the Vicar.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

The Deceased:

Brian Agar

Memorial Book:

Alan McCarraher, Barbara Wright, Chris Hicks, Florence Agar, Leonard Richardson, John Exley, Sheila Sheppard, Cyril Elkington, William Watmough

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- * The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces
- * Peace and justice in the world
- * Those who work for reconciliation
- * All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- * Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

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Almighty Father,
give us such knowledge of Jesus' presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.