

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

16—22 January

Monday 7.45pm PCC
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Wednesday *Parish Office 10am—12.30pm*
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Thursday 9.30am Midweek Communion
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NEXT SUNDAY— 23 JANUARY — THE THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm The Junction

The Den (following The Junction)

PARISH NOTES

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

16 JANUARY 2022

9.30am **Zest**

*Please join us for Fairtrade tea and coffee
in the Parish Room between 10 and 11am*

11.00am **Holy Communion (CW)**

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1—5 (Old Testament page 703)
John 2: 1—11 (New Testament page 89)

Hymns: The Church's One Foundation
Be Still and Know That I am God
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Immortal, Invisible

6.00pm **The Junction**

*Exploring faith, learning together
Followed by **The Den** in the Parish Room*

Reading: Galatians 2 (New Testament page 184-185)

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,
Marjorie Thompson, Eric Wilkinson, Margaret
Bailey, Steve Brookfield

The Deceased: Stan Hill, Keith Sharp

Memorial Book: Susan Prince, Mary Hollings, Brenda
Stephenson, Thomas Webb, Florence Biss,
Angila Lecutier, Phyllis Whitaker, David
Alexander, Elsie Pearson, Ethel Aspinall,
Colin Robinson

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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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Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Copy for the February magazine is due today, Sunday 16 January. Please email copy to both editor and Parish Office (office@stjohnmenston.org.uk) or leave copy for typing with the office.

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Please note that all emails sent to the Parish Administrator are also accessible to the vicar and wardens.

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Update on the Church Roof Appeal

Our appeal for funds to replace the church roof has produced a magnificent response. Many thanks to members of the congregation, residents of Menston and further afield, and fundraisers who have organised events, who have given so generously and have currently raised £113,735. Trusts and Foundations we approached for grants inform us that, in the current situation, they have less funds than usual to disburse, so we have been disappointed in their response to our grant applications. Nevertheless, we are very grateful for grants totalling £16,500 from Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, the Garfield Weston Trust, AllChurches Trust, the Spooner Trust, and the Diocese of Leeds.

When the Fabric Fund reserve, accumulated over previous years, is included, this means we have exceeded our target of £140,000 set in January 2020 which was the estimated cost of full replacement of the church roof at the time. **So, well done and thank you all!**

But, and I am afraid it is a big 'but', building and materials costs have rocketed by 40% during the pandemic and, we are advised, are likely to continue rising sharply. The PCC were, therefore, dismayed to find that an estimate from the contractor in October 2021 had risen to £201,000, and the contractor could not agree a contract at this price as there is a delay of 5-6 months between ordering and delivery of the required slates, and building costs would rise over this period.

	Estimated costs		Available funds as at 20/12/20
	Jan 2020	Pickles Estimate Oct 2021	
Spooner Trust			1,000.00
Diocese of Leeds			1,000.00
AllChurches Trust			3,000.00
Garfield Weston Trust			7,500.00
Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust			4,000.00
National Churches Trust			0.00
	Total grants		16,500.00
Reserves(restricted Fabric fund)			30,000.00
Congregational giving			74,304.04
Community giving			8,851.38
Fundraising events			12,465.14
Gift Aid claimed			18,114.50
	142,659	201,011	160,235.06
Current excess/shortfall	17,304	-41,048	

The PCC have deliberated the way forward and feel that we need to get on and do something. Continuing to fund-raise while chasing a moving target results in too much uncertainty, risks losing some time-limited grants, and is disrespectful of our donors who have given so generously during an uncertain time. So after lengthy discussion and consultation with the architect and contractor the PCC have agreed :

* To order the slates now. This will require some financial outlay immediately, but the contractor will take delivery and storage space will not be required at the church.

* When a delivery date is known and pending, the funds available at that time will determine precisely how much of the proposed works can be undertaken without jeopardising the overall integrity of the roof. At that point we will be able to agree a contract at a price we can afford.

The PCC, as trustees of the charity, believes that this plan will satisfy the requirement to make best use of the funds raised while also ensuring that the majority of the roof is replaced in the summer of 2022.

In the meantime, the appeal remains open, and further donations will be very gratefully received. The more we raise now, the greater proportion of the plan can be fulfilled.