

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,
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Memorial Book: Jeanne Finch, Ada Outtersides, Brian Midgley,
Arthur Outtersides, John Heckingbottom, John Moore,
Pamela Smith, Bill Evans

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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
- * With All who are unemployed

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Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

PARISH NOTES

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



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

3 OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest

Sunday 11am - Parish Communion

Thursday 9.30am - Midweek Communion

The church is open daily for private prayer

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): 1 PETER 2

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Live as Servants of God

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

The Example of Christ's Suffering

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Jesus Blesses Little Children

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

NEW FOR SUNDAY NIGHTS

Starting this weekend:

The Junction:

Exploring Faith, Learning Together. Join us for a new informal worship service every Sunday night, where we come together to grow in faith. Weekly at 6pm.

The Den:

Youth Hangout. A space for anyone aged 11 - 16 to meet together for food, games, discussion and prayer. Every Sunday night after The Junction, until 8pm in the Parish Room. For more information visit our website: stjohnmenston.org.uk

NOSTALGIA NIGHT

Saturday 30 October, 7.30pm at Kirklands. Live music from local band Time Warp. Classic hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and later. Raffle and bar. Tickets £12 each and include a pie and peas supper. For tickets, call 879290. All proceeds to the roof appeal.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The October edition of the Parish Magazine is now available in print and on our website.