

PARISH NOTES

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



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10 OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest

Sunday 11am - Parish Communion

Sunday 6pm - The Junction, followed by The Den

Thursday 9.30am - Midweek Communion

The church is open daily for private prayer

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): 1 PETER 3: 8 - END

Suffering for Doing Right

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For:

“Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and

do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 10:17-31

The Rich Man

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it

is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

LIGHT UP A LIFE

October 15—Always Remembered.

NEW FOR SUNDAY NIGHTS

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. See our website for more info:

www.stjohnmenston.org.uk

WOMENS DAY OF PRAYER

Would you like to represent St John's on the committee for the local Women's Day of Prayer service?

The next meeting will be on Monday 11 October at 10am, at the home of Margaret Young - although this could change to zoom if the committee members request it. It is not an onerous undertaking with only 4/5 meetings a year plus the service and a rehearsal/run through. The meetings that take place run between October and March and then there is nothing to do from April to the end of September. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Margaret Young on 863843 or email her at margaretyoung43@hotmail.com

PARISH MAGAZINE

The October edition of the parish magazine is now available to read in print, and online via our website. The deadline for the November magazine is Sunday 17 October.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

The Deceased:

Elizabeth Morgan

Memorial Book:

Kate Reynolds, John Denison, Catherine Harvey, Esmé Bowes, Brian Emmerson, Tom Laycock

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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 profession

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Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.