

PARISH NOTES

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



THE TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

24 OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest

Sunday 11am - Parish Communion

Sunday 6pm - The Junction, followed by The Den

Thursday 9.30am - Midweek Communion with Revd. Barry Overend

The church is open daily for private prayer

READING ONE (NEW TESTAMENT): 1 PETER 5

Tending the Flock of God

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

“God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for

you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are

undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings and Benediction

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 10: 36-END

And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man,

saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

On Thursday 28 October we welcome Revd. Barry Overend to preside over our midweek communion.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Our annual service to remember together those we love but have lost is being held at 4.30pm on Sunday 7 November. The names of those whose funerals have been held at St John's in the past two years will automatically be read out. If you'd like to add a name to be read out there is a list at the back of church. Alternatively, you can call the Parish office and leave a message at 01943 872433, or send an email to office@stjohnmenston.org.uk.

ANNUAL LEAF CLEARANCE

Our annual leaf clearance is being held on Saturday 20 November, starting at 9.30am. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

11AM SERVICE ELECTION

Over Covid, we have been using the screens at 11am to reduce sharing of resources and touchpoints. You may

be someone who likes the screens and would prefer to keep using them as we do at the moment. Alternatively, you might be someone who would like a return to paper service booklets and hymn books. The PCC have decided to let you have your say on Sunday 21 November. At the 11am service that morning, you will be given a simple voting slip to mark your preference for either screens or paper. You can then put this in a box at the back and we will count the votes at the end of the service and action accordingly. Please make sure you have your say! Thanks

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

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Dorothy Greetham, Peter Coulson, David Clark, Margaret Sutcliffe, Frances Laycock, Margaret Elsworth, Elaine Lossel, Joan Cribb

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- * Local government, community leaders
- * All who provide local services
- * Those who work with young or elderly people
- * Schools, colleges and universities
- * Emergency and rescue organizations

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Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.