

PARISH NOTES

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



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 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 4

Good Stewards of God's Grace

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without

complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Suffering as a Christian

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?"

Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 10: 35—45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 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."

ANNUAL LEAF CLEARANCE

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

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.

www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine

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

The Deceased: Elizabeth Morgan

Memorial Book: George Rouse, Ann Carr, Emma Reading, Margaret Thomson, John Finch, Olive Greig, Betty Gilbert

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- * The social services
- * All who work in the criminal justice system
- * Victims and perpetrators of crime
- * The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- * Those living in poverty or under oppression

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O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.