

## WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

9—15 January

**Monday** 12.00pm Funeral of Stan Hill  
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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— 16 JANUARY — THE SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

**9.30am** Zest

**11.00am** Parish 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 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9 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 43:1—7** (Old Testament page 682)  
**Luke 3: 15—22** (New Testament page 57-58)

**Hymns:** O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness  
Spirit of the Living God  
When Jesus Came to Jordan  
Praise, My Soul

**6.00pm** **The Junction**  
*Exploring faith, learning together*  
*Followed by **The Den** in the Parish Room*

**Reading:** **Galatians 1** (New Testament page 184)

## 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:** Suzanne Pearson, Arthur Scriven, Eric Chambers,  
Wilfred Oldham, Doris Thomas, Alfred  
Wilkinson, Geoff Hicks, Marjorie Williams,  
Mary Dalby

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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
- \* All who are unemployed

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Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time,  
many will see the wonders of God  
and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

### STAN HILL FUNERAL

The funeral of Stan Hill is taking place on Monday 10 January at 12 noon. All are welcome to join the family afterwards at Westbourne House in Otley.

### MONTHLY CHARITABLE GIVING BUTTON VOTE

The winner of the international charities button vote in December was USPG, with 202 votes. Christian Aid received 120 votes and Y Care International received 62 votes. Thank you to all who voted!

The voting for January has started, which determines the local charity we will support. The options are:

1. Beacon (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern)
2. Wheatfields Hospice
3. Caring for Life

### PARISH MAGAZINE

Copy for the February magazine is due by Sunday 16 January 2021. Please email copy to both editor and Parish Office ([office@stjohnmenston.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnmenston.org.uk)) or leave copy for typing with the office.

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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
	<b>Total grants</b>		<b>16,500.00</b>
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
	<b>142,659</b>	<b>201,011</b>	<b>160,235.06</b>
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.