

**WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**21—26 MARCH**

- Tuesday** 9.00am—School visit for Easter
- 22 9.00pm—Lent Compline (see notices for more info)
- Wednesday** *Parish Office 10-12.30pm*
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- Thursday** 9.30am—Midweek Communion
- 24
- Saturday** 9.30am—Mothers’ Union Flower prep
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**NEXT SUNDAY— 27 MARCH— MOTHERING SUNDAY**

- 9.30am** Zest
- 11.00am** Holy Communion
- 6.00pm** The Junction

The Den (following The Junction)

**EASTER AT ST JOHN’S**

- Stations of the Cross Meditations** – Wednesday 13 April at 7pm
- Maundy Thursday Communion** – Thursday 14 April at 7pm
- Seven Last Words** – Good Friday, 15 April at 2pm-4pm
- Easter Day Zest** – Sunday 17 April at 9.30am
- Easter Day Holy Communion** – Sunday 17 April at 11am

*(Please note, there is no midweek morning communion on Maundy Thursday, and The Junction and The Den are not taking place on Easter Day)*

**PARISH NOTES**

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



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**20 MARCH 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 55: 1—9 (Old Testament page 696)  
Luke 13: 1—9 (New Testament page 72-73)

Hymns: Ye servants of God  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Let us with a gladsome mind

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

Reading: Joshua 11 (Old Testament page 209-210)

## WE PRAY FOR



**The Sick:** Ken Parker, Pauline Blake, Sylvia Bradley,  
Eric Wilkinson, Margaret Bailey, Doris Brookfield

**Memorial Book:** Mary Tuke, May Bickle, Roy Earle, Annie  
Thomas, Alan Smethurst, Laurence Johnson,  
Joan Heaton, Bob Sharp

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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 organisations

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Jesus,  
you have known us  
from the beginning of time,  
you have known us in the depths  
of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame,  
you know us as your beloved.  
Help us to own that core identity more  
and more in this season of repentance and mercy.  
Give us the rock-solid assurance  
of your unwavering faith in us  
as we seek the same in you.  
Amen.

## SERVICE CHANGES

In light of the government's recent removal of Covid restrictions, there are a few changes to the way our services will run:

- Mask wearing is now a free choice, though we ask everyone to remain respectful to those around them. The North side of the church will remain an area of increased spacing and increased ventilation as it is now, and there will remain the option at communion to stay in your seat and receive there rather than coming to the communion rail. This means that we need to be particularly conscious of the needs of those in the North side and respect their wish for space for whatever reason.

- Communion will continue 'in one kind' (i.e. bread only) at 11am services for the time being. However, the chalice will be offered to any who wish to have it at the Thursday morning Communion (not intinction per health guidance). As always, it is not compulsory, and therefore anyone at the Thursday morning Communion service can make up their own mind about whether to receive only the bread or both bread and wine.

- Alcohol gel will continue to be available and used at Communion,

but plastic gloves will be phased out in line with the increased evidence of the air-borne character of Covid transmission.

- The sign-in sheets will be removed in line with the closure of the government track and trace system. Any problems or issues, please contact the vicar. Thanks.

## LENT COMPLINE

Doug is holding Compline at 9pm on Tuesday evenings during Lent, via Zoom. The link and more information can be found at [www.stjohnmenston.org.uk](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk).

## EASTER LILIES

Easter Day is Sunday 17 April. If you wish to contribute to the lilies which will decorate St John's at Eastertide you can put your donation through the Parish Office letter box or pass it to a warden on Sunday mornings. Please put the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'for Easter Lilies'. Thanks, Jan Alexander.

## DEC APPEAL

The Big Jar is at the back of church for CASH donations to DEC's Ukrainian appeal. If you wish to pay online or Gift Aid your donation, please visit: [donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)