

PARISH NOTES

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



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

31 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 (OLD TESTAMENT): PSALM 62: 5 –END

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): MARK 1: 1—20

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written
in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean
countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were
baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed
with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and
wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I
have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in
the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from
heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the
wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and
the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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.

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick:

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

Memorial Book:

Kathleen Kirk, Marion Voigt, George Allewell, Janet and Bill Otley, David J Sharp

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- * The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces
- * Peace and justice in the world
- * Those who work for reconciliation
- * All those lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- * Prisoners, refugees and homeless people.

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Blessed Lord,
 who caused all holy Scriptures
 to be written for our learning:
 help us so to hear them,
 to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
 that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
 we may embrace and for ever hold fast
 the hope of everlasting life,
 which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.