

PARISH NOTES

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



ALL SAINTS' DAY

7 NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday 9.30am - Zest

Sunday 11am - Parish Communion

Sunday 4.30pm - All Souls Service

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): ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

READING TWO (NEW TESTAMENT): JOHN 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

WE PRAY FOR



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

Memorial Book: Olive Holt, Frances Bewick, Stanley Ryley,
Don Baker

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- * Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- * Those whose time is spent caring for others
- * Those who are close to death
- * Those who have lost hope
- * The worship of the Church

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Almighty God,
who built your Church upon the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 14 November

Once again, Menston churches are joining with Menston Parish Council to mark Remembrance Sunday. The service will take place outside Kirklands in front of the war memorial, and will begin at 10.45am. Our Zest and evening services will go ahead as normal, but there will be no 11am communion on this day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be a short service at Kirklands War Memorial beginning just before 11am on Thursday.

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, or you might be someone who would like a return to paper service booklets and

hymn books. The PCC have decided to let you decide 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!

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Have you ever wondered how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? The Living in Love and Faith course explores this question and so much more! The six week course will be held by Revd. Andrew Howorth, taking place on Zoom from 7.45-9pm on the following Tuesdays: 23 & 30 November, 7 & 14 December, 4 & 11 January. If you want to know more about the course, visit their website: www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith. If you would like to join the Zoom course, email Andrew at associate@stjohnmenston.org.uk