## 25—30 DECEMBER WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday 10am—All-Age Christmas Celebration

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**Thursday** *Midweek Communion is not taking place* 

this week.

NEXT SUNDAY — 31 DECEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

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# PARISH NOTES

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



**CHRISTMAS EVE** 

**24 DECEMBER 2023** 

9.30am ZEST

Please join us in the Parish Room for Fairtrade tea and coffee between 10 and

11am.

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Readings: Romans 16: 25-end (New Testament page 161)

Luke 1: 26-38 (New Testament page 54)

Hymns: O come, O come Emmanuel

The Angel Gabriel

The people that in darkness

Tell out my soul

4.00pm NATIVITY SERVICE

11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

### **WE PRAY FOR**



**The Sick:** Pauline Blake, Enid Holdsworth,

The Hawkyard family

Memorial Book: Edith Wilson, Catherine McLean, Joyce

Edgley, Ethel McLellan, Mollie Sowerby, June Daw, Phyllis Mulligan, William Daw,

Margaret Busby

- \* All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- \* Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- \* Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- \* Those who are bereaved
- \* All who work in the medical and healing professions

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Gracious God, who sent your son to be born of Mary, and was laid in a feeding trough, by your spirit, renew our faith in you and our desire to follow Jesus as disciples. Unite us in one body, and, as bread is broken and given in the eucharist, send us to feed the hungry in body and spirit, Amen.

#### CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

In addition to our regular services:

- Nativity Service—Sunday 24 December at 4pm
- Midnight Communion—Sunday24 December at 11.30pm
- Monday 25 December—All-age Christmas Service with optional communion at 10am

#### MIDWEEK COMMUNION

There will be no Midweek service on Thursday 28 December.

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office is now closed for Christmas, reopening on Thursday 4 January at 9.30am.

#### PARISH OFFICE FROM JANUARY

From January, the Parish Office will be open on a Thursday from 9.30am to 12 midday. If you need to come into the office but can't make it on a Thursday, please contact the administrator to arrange another time.

#### **SUNDAY 7 JANUARY**

On Sunday 7 January there will be one joint service for the Zest and 11am congregations at 10am. This

will be followed by a farewell to Steve with drinks, nibbles and cake.

#### **MOTHERS' UNION**

The annual Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer will take place in church on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 11.00am, and members are asked to come along and take part if they are able.

#### **CHARITY BUTTON VOTE**

The winner of the International charity vote is Wateraid with 355 votes. Freedom From Torture had 288 and Sightsavers 258. This means the charities we will support with our giving in 2024 are: Behind Closed Doors (local), Shelter (national) and Wateraid (international). Thank you for all your votes over the year.

#### LIGHT UP A LIFE

- 24—26 December
- 27 & 29 December—A wife, a mum, a grandma—Marie Glennon.
   With love from all the family.
- 30 Dec & 2 Jan—For David, love from Cath and all the family.