

20—25 NOVEMBER

WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am—12pm—Parish Office Open
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Thursday 9.30am—Midweek Communion
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NEXT SUNDAY — 26 NOVEMBER—SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion with Revd Barry Overend

6.30pm The Den joins Release at All Saints', Ilkley

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PARISH NOTES

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 19 NOVEMBER 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: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (New Testament page 202)
Matthew 25: 14-30 (New Testament page 27)

Hymns: Soldiers of Christ arise
Help us to help each other
Be thou my vision
God of grace and God of glory

3.00pm THE CORE

6.00pm THE 6PM SERVICE

Reading: Romans 12 (New Testament page 157—158)

7.00pm THE DEN

WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Pauline Blake, Angela Evans, Enid Holdsworth, The Hawkyard family
- Memorial Book:** Muriel Hall, Edward Bellis, Sheila Agar, John Robertson, Barbara Smith, John Thomas, Ruth Alsop, Joseph Emmott, Gwenneth Dennington, Ronald Leigh, Roderick Thomson, Eveline Payne, Grace Speak, Michael Shutt

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- * The social services
- * All who work in the criminal justice system
- * Victims and perpetrators of crime
- * The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- * Those living in poverty or under oppression

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Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Can you give our travelling Nativity a home for a night (or more) during Advent? Please sign up on the form at the back of church or email the administrator with your home address and dates on which you're unavailable on in December. The deadline for signing up is Monday 27 November. office@stjohnmenston.org.uk.

PARISH OFFICE

From January, the Parish Office will be open on a Thursday from 9.30am to 12 midday. The administrator is contactable via email Tuesday to Thursday at office@stjohnmenston.org.uk. You can also leave a message on the office phone answer machine and someone will get back to you as soon as possible: 01943 872433. If you need to come into the office but can't make it on the day it is open, please contact the administrator to arrange another time.

BRADFORD EPISCOPAL AREA FORUM

In the season of dark nights BEAF will be meeting virtually and are open for all to join. The date for the next meeting is Tuesday 21 November at 7:30pm. The main topic for the evening will be the Barnabas Programme. Revd Jude Smith and Archdeacon Andy will explain what it's all about and how it can help parishes. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office for the Zoom details.

GIFT SUNDAY—10 DECEMBER

As Meadowlea is closed for refurb we are not able to donate our gifts there this year. Instead, we are supporting the Food Bank by collecting the following items, for their Christmas Parcels, at church on Gift Sunday: tinned ham, tinned halal meat, Christmas cake, boxes of chocolate, selection boxes, packs of biscuits, crisps, savoury snacks, custard and hot chocolate. We will also have a jar at the back for cash donations.

Christmas *At St John's, Menston*

Sunday 17 December—2pm

Carol Service

Sunday 24 December—4pm

Nativity Service

Sunday 24 December—11.30pm

Midnight Communion

Monday 25 December—10am

All-age Christmas Service
with optional communion

In addition to our usual Sunday services. See website for more information.